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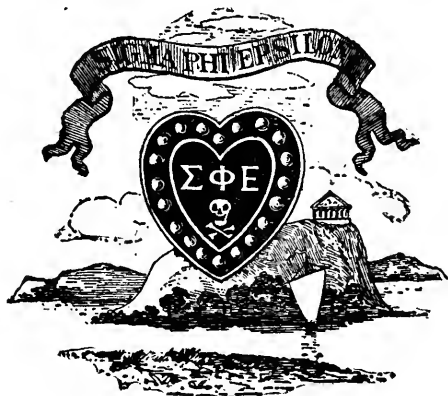


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## Contributions.

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### "Is It For the Best Interest of the Institution and Student for Colleges and Universities to Forbid First Year Men to Join Fraternities?"

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After reading Brother Jones's reply to this question of the editor in the last volume of *THE JOURNAL*, a certain rebellious feeling seems to spring up within me, like a contrary wind on the sea. It compels me to set my sails in a direction opposite to his course. Perhaps this is due to an ancestral tendency to be on the "off side" of every question. I think if I had been born a horse, instead of a human being, I would have had to be driven on that side. So, just as in chemistry the electro-positive ions are supposed to move toward the electro-negative pole, I shall take the affirmative of this question, and proceed toward the negative of Brother Jones's conclusion.

Permit me first to quote Brother Jones's final answer to the question, "Is it for the best interest of the institution and student for universities to forbid first year men to join fraternities?" This reply is, "No—not if he joins a *good* fraternity." Truly, all *might* be well with the good Freshman if he joined a good fraternity. But does he always? How about the bewildered young innocent, just over the age limit for entering college, who is hurried from a dinner at one fraternity to a "rush" party at another, and from there to a "function" at a third? Perhaps he is asked to join all three. He is pretty apt to choose the fraternity that treats him the best. He may be acquainted theoretically with the fact that appearances are

deceitful. But the white of the tombstone resembles so closely that of the mass of roses above it that, with his untrained vision, he does not distinguish between them. On the moment he is apt to mistake for a beautiful living thing what is only a concealment of death's heads and skeletons. Many a young Freshman, who has come to college with no bad habits and with the best intentions possible, has been damaged morally, rather than improved, by hastily joining a fraternity in his Freshman year. How often we hear the friends of such a student say of him, in his Junior or Senior year: "It is too bad that Henry joined that fraternity. He is so different now than when he was a Freshman."

"Why," we ask, "he is not a bad fellow, is he? He always appears well."

"Oh, no! not bad. He doesn't do anything worse than smoke and swear occasionally, but his manner and conversation are so different. He isn't interested in anything but society and sport. He used to study hard, but now he bluffs in his classes."

Every college man is acquainted with the type of student to which I refer. Every day you see him sauntering indifferently across the campus, hands in pocket storage, wreaths of incense smoke curling upward from his saintly face, and combed "as to his hair" so that he looks half scared to death. Of course, he may not be a full-fledged "sport"—he may have grown only a few pin-feathers; and, of course, his fraternity has improved his appearance in society immensely. His coat-tails have grown longer each year, and, if he happens to be studying political science, he has doubtless had his trousers widened to provide for amendments to his constitution.

I do not wish to be understood as saying that a fraternity should not improve the society appearance of its members in every way possible, but I think every sensible man will agree that such improvement is a very small part of the transformation which every fraternity ought to help its members undergo. High marks in the class-room, solid scholarship, sound morality, based on high ideals, are the strands in the Golden Fleece which our

youthful fraternity Argonauts ought to be forever seeking. And, although these ideals do dominate the good fraternities, there are a vast number of chapters throughout the country which profess to follow them, but do not. I believe that the Freshman needs one year to get acquainted with the chapters in his college, so that he will make no mistake in choosing between the true fraternities and the "whited sepulchres."

I will further state, specifically and briefly, two ways in which I believe Freshmen are injured by joining fraternities: First, they are apt to become conceited, and for two reasons. The first of these reasons is that, as members of fraternities, Freshmen have privileges which neutrals have not. These privileges are not gained by effort, but by superiority of some sort. The second reason for the strength of the temptation to conceit is that the Freshman is not obliged to struggle long years for the honor of membership in a fraternity. Other college honors—in debate, scholarship, oratory, etc.—usually come in the latter part of a college course, but this may come in the first year.

The second way in which I believe Freshmen may be injured by joining a fraternity lies in the possible loss of that quality most admired by all men—leadership. In our democratic country the greatest leaders are those who have lived the life of the common people, and can sympathize with that life. Can the Freshman who joins a fraternity when he enters college sympathize with the hash-house life of the majority of his fellow class-men? He cannot have influence among them unless he is one of them. He may be able to lead. So was our one-time President, John Adams. But, unless the Freshman has a little of Andrew Jackson's popularity, his leadership among his classmates will come to nought.

These are results which often follow the joining of a good fraternity by a good Freshman. Will they be improved by his joining a bad one? Which does he usually do in such a case—pull a whole fraternity, containing from fifteen to thirty men, up to his standards of life, or slowly sink to their level? There can be but one answer.

My whole argument, then, against the initiation of Freshmen resolves itself to this :

1. Freshmen, because of inexperience, are apt to join fraternities of questionable character.

2. The tendency among a large percentage of Freshmen joining fraternities is toward snobbishness and a loss of sympathy with the life of a large part of their class. These results are fatal to leadership.

3. The institution is harmed whenever its students are harmed, for they are its life. Whatever impairs the best development of the men for whom the institution exists damages the usefulness of the institution. This fact is so obvious that it needs no discussion.

Therefore, Mr. Editor, my answer to your question is—yes.

LOREN W. CHESTER,  
New York Alpha.

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### **“Is It For the Best Interests of the Institution and Student for Colleges and Universities to Forbid First Year Men to Join Fraternities?”**

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This question is, indeed, a broad and many-sided one. It is a question that has been argued and discussed by so many presidents of educational institutions, professors, college men, and educators in general. This question, on which opinions so widely differ, has been a battle-ground to fraternities everywhere. It is a question that depends so largely upon local conditions that I am frank to say in the beginning that I do not think any fixed rule can be applied to it everywhere and under all conditions.

As we travel from college to college, from university to university, we find vastly different conditions. We may find a younger and different class of students at this college, higher entrance requirements at that university, and at a third school, perhaps, some other existing conditions. All these conditions,

local though they may be, and trivial though they may seem, have, nevertheless, a direct bearing upon this important question.

What is a fraternity? Is it not an organization of men, organized and conducted for mutual benefit? Now, we must take that term "mutual benefit" in its broader meaning.

Whatever helps and advances a chapter of a fraternity, or a fraternity as a whole, promotes the individual interests of its members, since the fraternity is embodied in its membership. Now, whatever aids and advances the principles of the fraternity likewise aids and advances the institution in which it is located, for, after all, are they not striving towards the same goal? They work in slightly different ways, perhaps, but both are aiming at the same results—a higher and broader education. Now, we see that whatever promotes one element of our proposition likewise stimulates its other elements at the same time. In this statement we are, of course, considering high-class institutions and high-class fraternities—the only kind, of either school or fraternity, that is worthy of consideration.

Now, the question comes up as to how we are to determine just what will advance and stimulate the better qualities and interests of the school, the fraternity, and the individual. Again, I say that, before we can arrive at an intelligent decision, we must carefully study the conditions in each case. However, I think a few general rules might well be considered, the limits of which would be sufficiently broad to permit the play of the ever-changing local circumstances or conditions. Personally, I think it would be radical and unwise to make an iron-bound and unchangeable rule that on no occasion should first year men be admitted to membership in national fraternities. On the other hand, I think it would be just as ridiculous and improper to disregard the length of time a man has been in school, and to admit first year men without any restrictions or limitations. I think that no man, in any instance or under any conditions should be admitted to any fraternal organization until after he has spent at least one-half of a school year in that institution, and during that time has shown good scholarship, together with

the other elements that distinguish the desirable fraternity man.

I believe that we select our fraternity men too largely upon the grounds of individual appearance and popularity alone. A man may "look good" to us, he may exhibit all the appearances of good character, yet, when we have been associated with him for a longer period of time, have studied his conduct thoroughly, have searched down into the deep recesses of his heart, and have learned to know his inward nature, we may find many undesirable characteristics developing. For this reason, I say we should not be satisfied to judge our fraternity men from short or formal associations. Again, I believe we allow athletic honors to bias our opinions, and the glittering armor of glory and splendor that covers the hero of the gridiron, the diamond, or the cinder path often covers a multitude of fraternal disqualifications. It has been, and is at the present time, a fact that men that distinguish themselves in athletics are early in their college careers given the opportunity of joining the various fraternities. I am heartily in favor of all forms of healthy athletics, and I think that fraternities should do all in their power to promote and advance athletics in our schools, but I see no logical reason why young men should be given extraordinary opportunity of "making" a fraternity simply because they have exceptional athletic ability. This is an evil that is apt to present itself at some time or other to all fraternities, and is a hard one to cope with.

Appearances are, to a large extent, true indicators of a man's true character and worth, but they are frequently deceiving. That good-looking, well-dressed gentleman, that had all the appearance of splendid fraternity material when he entered school last fall, may have, under the ever-watchful eye of fraternity men, developed or exhibited undesirable characteristics. That light-haired young-looking lad, who wore his little Freshman cap so tantalizingly on the side of his head, who wore his trousers rolled so high, and imagined he was a real "college sport" when he came to school last September, may have by this time passed through the various stages of educational metamorphosis, and has, perhaps, ere this reached his proper strata. He may have a

splendid nature at heart, and may possess the real elements of ideal fraternity material. Therefore, I say that we cannot well judge a man from appearances or first impressions.

We should all make an effort to know our prospective men in person. I think the recommendation of a friend should not be valued too highly as proof of a man's fraternal worth. All such evidence should be considered and taken for what it is worth, but, after all, we want to know the man—the individual. A man that may be considered good on one social plane may not be considered so on another. So we should determine whether the prospective member fits into our class and to our ideal requirements of a fraternity brother. A fraternity man out of his real class, judged from the standpoint of his fraternal relationship, is ever a bore to himself and a stigma to his fraternity.

As a last, but by no means least, requirement in choosing new men, let us not overlook the matter of scholarship. Good scholarship is a fraternal requirement that cannot be valued too highly, and is one that should be placed well at the head of eligibility requirements. Good scholarship is, indeed, a valuable possession of any man, and it is the distinguishing mark of the earnest and sincere college man. And, while we should not seek technical intellectual ability at the expense of good, hard, common sense, yet the man who can "make good" in his work in college has bright prospects for a successful career when he has passed from the realm of the university parchment and has reached that broad and turbulent sea of after-life that lies beyond these old time-honored college walls. And it is in that broad sea of practical life that I feel that we shall be assisted and supported, even firmly bound together, by those invisible, yet strong and ever-present, ties of fraternal brotherhood.

And so may "*advancement*" be the watchword in all worthy fraternities. And closely associated with that watchword, and at the head of the prospective requirement list, may the word "*quality*" stand out in clear, bold letters. And shall we not let these words, with their proper application, impel us to the proper

decision in selecting our fraternity material rather than the length of time the prospective person has spent in school?

And again, I say that we must ever bear in mind the dignity and rank of our fraternity, and must use the utmost care and judgment in selecting our new material. We owe this to our fraternity, to ourselves, and to our *alma mater*.

JOHN W. MITCHELL,  
Ohio Alpha.

[NOTE.—While the author of this article will not assume either side of the question, his argument is plainly against first year men joining fraternities.—ED.]

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### The Inter-Fraternity Conference.

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Pursuant to a call issued by President W. H. P. Faunce, of Brown University, representing the Religious Education Association, representatives from twenty-six college fraternities met at the University Club, New York City, Saturday, November 27, 1909.

With the call there was sent a suggestion of the following topics as the basis for discussion at the meeting :

#### CURRENT PROBLEMS IN FRATERNITY LIFE.

1. The relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration. Should the college ignore or utilize the fraternity? Should the fraternity confer with the administration of the college?
2. The influence of the fraternities on—
  - (a) The expense of a college course.
  - (b) Manners and social habits.
  - (c) Serious scholarship.
  - (d) Moral standards.
  - (e) College loyalty and solidarity.
3. The evils connected with present systems of pledging new members. How can they be minimized or avoided?



4. The proper control of chapter houses—
  - (a) By the college?
  - (b) By undergraduates?
  - (c) By alumni?
5. The unification of the various chapters—
  - (a) By executive councils or boards of trustees.
  - (b) By conventions, national and local.
  - (c) By publications, periodical or occasional.
  - (d) By a traveling secretary.
6. The relation of the local alumni of a fraternity to the undergraduate members. Should alumni
  - (a) Encourage in all cases establishment of chapter houses?
  - (b) Offer financial aid in maintaining such houses?
  - (c) Appoint a resident manager?
  - (d) Supervise matters financial, hygienic, culinary, and moral?
7. The relations of the fraternities to one another. Should they ignore one another, or undertake official co-operation?
8. The relation of fraternities to the life of the nation. Have they any duty beyond their own membership? If so, what?

The members of the Conference assembled in the council chamber of the Club between 9 and 10 A. M., and at the latter hour the meeting was called to order by President Faunce, who stated briefly that at a meeting of the college section of the Religious Education Association, held in Chicago some months before, so much interest was aroused in subjects connected with college and fraternity life that there seemed to be a general desire that a meeting of representatives of different fraternities be held for conference concerning them. He emphasized the statement made in all communications to the several fraternities interested that the delegates were understood to have no power to act for their respective organizations, the conference being purely

informal. He expressed his gratification at the cordial response which his call had elicited, the names of over sixty delegates, officially appointed, having been sent to him. He then nominated as officers of the Conference Hamilton W. Mabie, A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ , as Chairman, and Francis W. Shepardson, B  $\Theta$  II, as Secretary, and they were unanimously chosen for the places stated.

After the roll had been called the Chairman asked for suggestions as to the topics to be discussed, announcing that the speakers would be limited to ten minutes.

William Raimond Baird, B  $\Theta$  II, suggested that the proper control of chapter houses by the college authorities, the undergraduates, or the alumni was the most important of the current problems outlined in the call, and supported his contention by a brief statement. A general discussion followed, covering a good many phases of college fraternity life, which was participated in by Clarence F. Birdseye, X  $\Psi$ ; Francis Lynde Stetson, A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ ; Dr. Oscar H. Rogers,  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$ ; James B. Curtis,  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$ ; Carl A. Harstrom,  $\Theta$   $\Delta$  X; Julian McCarry, K A (S); J. Duane Livingston,  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ ; Charles H. Eldridge,  $\Sigma$  X; and representatives of B  $\Theta$  II,  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ , X  $\Phi$ ,  $\Sigma$  A E, Z  $\Psi$ ,  $\Phi$  K  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma$  N, K  $\Sigma$ , and  $\Delta$  K E.

During the course of the proceedings several related topics were brought forward, with definite propositions for action, but, after free discussion, each was withdrawn.

After a recess for luncheon, which was served in the adjoining club room, the Conference re-assembled, and, after several resolutions were informally presented and discussed with much latitude and fine fraternity spirit, the following resolution, offered by Dr. Oscar H. Rogers,  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$ , was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that the college fraternities should sanction and participate in the formation of a permanent Inter-Fraternity Conference, to meet each year for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest, and of presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the said Conference may deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such Conference shall be purely advisory.

The matter of communicating this resolution and the proceedings of the Conference to the fraternities represented, and to other similar organizations not yet represented, was, on motion, intrusted to a committee of five, of which President Faunce was chairman, he being given authority to select the other members of the committee.

On motion of J. Duane Livingston,  $\Delta \Phi$ , numbers 1, 3, and 7, of the "Current Problems in Fraternity Life," classified above, were selected for discussion at the proposed future conference, and committees of five members each were appointed to investigate existing conditions, gather information, and report recommendations to such future sessions.

The Chairman, following numerous nominations from the floor, appointed these committees, as follows:

1. *On the relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration:* Dr. Oscar H. Rogers,  $\Sigma \Phi$ , chairman; James C. Hallock,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ; Paul R. Hickok,  $A T \Omega$ ; Carlton H. Hayes,  $A X P$ ; Haseltine Smith,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ .

2. *On the evils connected with the present system of pledging new members:* Howard S. Harrington,  $\Delta K E$ , chairman; John K. McDonald, Jr.,  $X \Psi$ ; Thomas Ewing, Jr.,  $\Sigma X$ ; Shepard A. Morgan,  $A \Delta \Phi$ ; William L. Phillips,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

3. *On the relation of the fraternities to one another:* Alfred Roelker, Jr.,  $X \Phi$ , chairman; James P. Curtis,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; J. Duane Livingston,  $\Delta \Phi$ ; Frederick R. Drake,  $Z \Psi$ ; John B. Ballou,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

On motion, the Chairman, Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , and the Secretary, Francis W. Shepardson,  $B \Theta II$ , were constituted *ex officio* members of each committee.

A motion made by J. Duane Livingston,  $\Delta \Phi$ , that the expense for the preparation and publication of the minutes of this Conference be met by an assessment upon each fraternity represented, was withdrawn when William Raimond Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, offered to furnish proof-sheets of such minutes to each delegate, provided the Secretary would

furnish him with an authoritative copy. This offer was accepted with appreciation.

A resolution of thanks to President Faunce for calling the Conference was passed, and Dr. Faunce, being called on, expressed his great satisfaction with the hearty response with which his call had been met, and with the spirit of harmony and inter-fraternity comity which characterized the meeting.

With a resolution of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary of the Conference, and to the management of the University Club for its courtesies, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

HAMILTON W. MARIE, A Δ Φ,  
Chairman.

FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, B Θ Π,  
Secretary.

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[MEMO.—No responses were received from  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $\Omega \Pi A$ , and  $\Pi K A$ .  $\Psi Y$  stated that no delegate could be sent, but that the matter would be placed before the fraternity. No invitations were sent to  $\Theta X$ ,  $\Theta \Xi$ ,  $\Pi K \Phi$ ,  $A \Sigma \Phi$ , and  $\Sigma \Pi$ , because Dr. Faunce did not know of them.]

# Chapter Letters.

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[The next letter is due in this office February 10th. Write legibly, on one side of the paper only. If possible, send type-written copy.]

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## Virginia Alpha.

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### Richmond College.

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Meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. in Fraternity Hall on Campus. 'Phone Madison 7992.

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Again we greet the brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . We are glad to introduce to the fraternity at large four initiates since last writing. They are as follows :

On October 9, 1909—

Isham Trotter Bagley, Blackstone, Va.

Luther Ellsworth Guy, Dendron, Va.

Dorsey Granville Tyler, Richmond, Va.

On October 20, 1909—

Edward Lee Macfarlane, Richmond, Va.

Brothers Guy, Tyler, and Macfarlane have all made their foot-ball letters this season, and thus added glory to the "heart" they wear, and we are also glad to add that their class standing has been without reproach throughout the entire season. Brother Bagley entered College late, and has been home every two weeks to wait on some bridal couple, as he says, though it may be a bride to be.

Our foot-ball season closed Thanksgiving day by a sore defeat at the hands of our most worthy opponents, Randolph-Macon College. Seven  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's were playing in the game—three from Randolph-Macon and four from Richmond College. Four of the seven played ends. Brother Garland closed the season with a better record than any preceding manager of our teams, and also the best in the inter-collegiate division of the State.

With the Thanksgiving holidays we were honored by visits from many brothers, some of whom were Brothers Ashby and Doughty, of Virginia Eta; Arnold, Johnson, and Mason, of Virginia Delta; Young, Elliot, and White, of Virginia Zeta, and alumni Brothers Shue, Hudgins, and Dickinson, all of whom we were glad to see. Here's wishing them to come again, and bring other brothers with them.

Brothers Knight and Jenkins spent the holidays in Leesburg, Va.; Brother Bagley was at his home in Blackstone, Va., the same time.

Brother Knight dropped in on the boys of District of Columbia Alpha, and spent a very happy five minutes. He was very much pleased with the looks of things around there, and has talked very much of the manner in which he was received. We are glad to see them have such a strong hold from the beginning.

This year we have five representatives in the German Club. The first dance of the season was given November 17th, with Brothers Garland, Arnold, Louthan, and Bagley present. Brother Meredith, being a little afraid of the girls, went home to see his mother. The dance was most delightful, and we have good prospects of many more, even more delightful, to follow this session.

Brothers Meredith, Garland, Macfarlane, Guy, and Tyler visited our new chapter in North Carolina October 30th, and brought back glowing reports of what and how the  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's are doing things at North Carolina Gamma.

The fall term public lectures of Richmond College began November 30th and lasted to December 6th. They consisted of two series—first, by Dr. T. B. Ray, on "The Development and Call of Japan"; second, by Dr. B. D. Gore, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at George Washington University, his subject being "Holland."

Very close on to these follow our fall term examinations, and it is now that we are getting ready to meet them squarely.

Brothers Garland and Louthan enjoyed, to the fullest extent,



the night spent with the A. & M. boys November 1st, in the room of Brothers Parks and "Strawberry" Jones.

We are very sorry not to have had our Grand Secretary, Brother Phillips, with us any this session. His visits have always been looked forward to with pleasure, and have been sadly missed thus far.

With brotherly love, and a word of good cheer, we are,

Fraternally,

*F. G. Louthan,*

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## West Virginia Beta.

West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

Meets every Thursday at 7 P. M. at the Chapter House, 412 High Street.

Since our last letter several things have happened to us which we think may be of interest to all. Probably the most important of these events was our fall initiation, which took place at the chapter house on the evening of Thursday, October 28th. Five men were led through the mysteries, as follows:

Earle Yancey McVey, Eng., '12, Victor, W. Va.

Walter Bruce Bradley, Eng., '12, Perryopolis, Pa.

Frank Reeves, A. B., '09, Fairmont, W. Va.

Cecil Thomas Enlow, Law, '12, Perryopolis, Pa.

Charles Elmer Miller, Law, '11, Glover Gap, W. Va.

In introducing these brothers to the fraternity, a proceeding which gives us great pleasure, we feel inclined to say just a few words as to why we take this pleasure. It has been our policy to select men who are really men in every sense of the word, and, in this case, we feel that no mistake has been made. And it seems to us that, with this policy in mind, and only judicial selections made, nothing but good to  $\Sigma \Phi E$  can result. As usual, the horse-play, a very considerable part of the initiation, took place several days prior to the ritualistic work.

Brothers Hartley, Bell, and Price attended the initiation, and seemed highly pleased with the very difficult feats attempted and performed by the initiates. We always like to have some of our old men present on these occasions, because their minds seem to be impregnated with many most happy and excellent ideas to assist in the proper execution of such an undertaking.

In looking over the October JOURNAL, we were pleased to note that the fraternity, as a whole, seems to be in a most thriving condition, and it gives us a special pleasure to notice the gradual increase in the number of chapter letters. This means growth, and growth in anything is the best possible indication that everything is right. We take this occasion to send greetings to all our sister chapters, and to wish them the best of everything that is good.

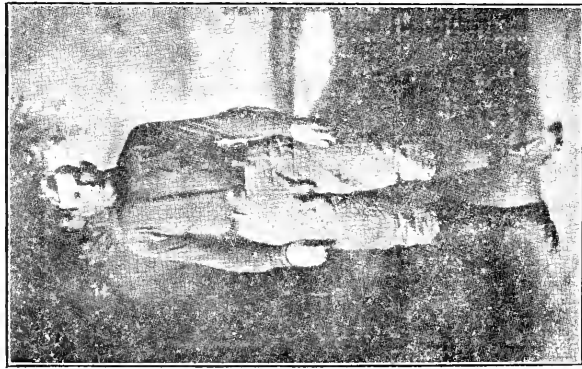
Thanksgiving day this year was the banner day of the term. A foot-ball game was the attraction, and the town was flooded with alumni, of which West Virginia Beta had her share. It is with the greatest of regret, and with the spirit of revenge, that we record the fact that we went down to defeat on the athletic field. But this in no way interfered with the pleasure we had in shaking hands with the "Sigs." who visited us. L. P. Hollaway, '08, employed in the electrical engineering business in Canton, Ohio, spent a couple of days with us, as did also Brother Gorby, of the faculty of Middleburn High School. Clayton Holland and Earl Conway, of Pittsburg and Uniontown, respectively, spent Thanksgiving night with us. The former is engaged in the engineering business in the city of Pittsburg, and the latter is a court reporter on a Uniontown (Pa.) paper. Brother Taylor spent several days in the city, and we expect him back in school at the beginning of next year.

Lately an atmosphere of intense studiousness has surrounded our men, which can be explained in only one way, and that is that examination time is so near. When we look back on the college days that are past it is with a feeling that they were most happy days, and alumni and older men tell us that our college days are the happiest of our lives. We don't wish to





E. L. "RED" SWEARINGEN,  
Left Guard, West Virginia University, 1909.  
All-Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Guard.



H. R. WILEY,  
Right End, West Virginia University, 1909.



C. G. TAYLOR,  
Half Back, Delaware State College, 1909.

dispute the assertion, for we believe it to be a fact; but still, in speaking from our own experience, we find a most disagreeable lack of any such happy sensations when those blooming examination days loom into view, about two weeks ahead. But, like everything else, they come and pass away, and afterwards they don't seem so bad; so we'll all cheer up, and hope for the best.

It is with considerable pleasure that we mention the athletic achievements of our Brother "Red" Swearingen. This was his first year in 'Varsity foot-ball, and, in fact, his first year in foot-ball of any kind, but we notice that he has been selected as the All-Western Pennsylvania guard. His work the entire year has been very satisfactory, and, although a line-man is not in the lime-light, like the men in the back field, still Brother Swearingen's work has been very noticeable. Brother Willey has also shown up well, although his efficiency the latter part of the season was somewhat lowered, owing to an injury. Brother Reeves was a reliable substitute.

West Virginia completed a very successful season in foot-ball, and, although we were defeated in our most important game, we do not feel at all discouraged, but take an optimistic view of the matter. Unless legislation is passed prohibiting the game, we feel that we have innumerable chances to retrieve ourselves.

Our prospects for the winter term are not so good as we had hoped they would be, owing to the fact that two or three of our men will not be with us at that time. But, by initiating several men now pledged, and with new material which we may find later on, we feel that we shall be established on our old footing.

Extending wishes for the best of success to all our sister chapters, we are,

Fraternally,

*J. E. Billingsley,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

## Pennsylvania Beta.

### Jefferson Medical College.

Meetings are held at Chapter House, 1108 Pine Street, every second Friday  
Evening at 10:30 o'clock.

Pennsylvania Beta extends to all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  heartiest greetings.

We formally opened our handsome parlor at our new home on October 2, 1909, with a "smoker" and social gathering, which proved to be a grand success, and as a result the secrets of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  have since been made known to seven very worthy candidates.

On October 4, 1909, our first initiation was held, when

Charles Albert Moriarty, Milford, Mass.,

had the secrets of the fraternity made known to him.

October 22d we were given the honor to introduce Dr. Henry A. Strecker, Philadelphia, as an honorary member of our chapter. Brother Strecker was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1894, and served as house physician at the St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia. At the expiration of his service there he opened an office on Pine street. His rise in medicine has been a rapid one, and it was not long before he was appointed a member of the medical staff at St. Agnes. He is now one of the most successful practitioners in this city.

On the same evening Dr. William J. McMurtrie, Ashland, Pa., became a member of this chapter.

The "goat" was exercised again on October 25, 1909, when

Joseph Addison Lee, Fort Worth, Texas,

Warren Herbert Johnston, Philadelphia, Pa.,

were initiated into the fraternity.

November 5, 1909, stands as a banner night for Pennsylvania Beta, for as a result of the initiation of that evening we have the honor to introduce to our brothers at large—

John C. Biddle, M. D., Honorary, Fountain Springs, Pa.

William H. Barr, M. D., Honorary, Fountain Springs, Pa.

Amos Wilson Gottschall, Harrisburg, Pa.

Before the initiation Drs. Biddle and Barr were the guests of honor at a dinner which was served in the dining-room of the chapter house. Many of our alumni and honorary brothers were also present. Both expressed themselves as highly pleased with the ritual, our new home, and the present members of the fraternity.

Brothers Ulrich, Weiland, Rumbaugh, Lownes, and Dick enjoyed the initiation.

Dr. John C. Biddle is an alumnus of Jefferson, and stands to-day as one of America's foremost surgeons, and has been for a number of years surgeon-in-chief of the Pennsylvania State Hospital, at Fountain Springs, Pa.

Dr. William H. Barr, also a Jefferson man, although a young man in the surgical profession, has already made an enviable name for himself, and is at the present time assistant surgeon at the above-named hospital.

November 19, 1909, two more worthy young embryos were taken into the folds of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . They are

Gustave Adolph Dapp, Harrisburg, Pa.

Newton Graul Allebach, Spring Lane, Pa.

Brother Preston Newby, of Virginia Delta Chapter, was present at the initiation, and saw the working of the new ritual for the first time. He was greatly impressed with it, and declared it was another step in the right direction for  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Holt is ably fulfilling the duties of president of the Coplin Pathological Society, to which office he succeeded his senior Brother Forcey.

Pennsylvania Beta has once again received its full share of the various class honors.

Brother Jones was recently elected secretary of the Senior class. Brother Forcey has had his executive ability recognized by being appointed a business manager of the Senior class book, while Brother Bertram won out in the fight to see who would zealously guard the finances of the Sophomore class.

The determination to abolish foot-ball at Jefferson was

carried out, much to the regret of the Senior class especially, and it is doubtful if the game will ever be re-established here, as our rivals—Medico Chi—have unanimously voted to do away with the game, following the untimely death of one of their men, as a result of injuries received in a game.

With best wishes to every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  for a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year, and a cordial invitation to visit and inspect our new and spacious home, we are,

Fraternally,

*Charles A. Moriarty,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

### Pennsylvania Gamma.

University of Pittsburg (formerly Western University of Pennsylvania).

Meets the first Friday of each month at 5 o'clock P. M., in Fraternity Rooms,  
3019 Brereton Avenue.

We are again glad to greet our brothers through THE JOURNAL. As usual with us at this time of the year, we are grinding away at our Christmas exams. They are semi-finals for us, and sober face and serious discussions are the rule.

As yet we have no initiates. A number of good men have been pledged. They have shown spirit, and we are confident that they will honor the golden "heart."

On the evening of Thursday, November 4th, an informal "smoker" was held at the fraternity rooms, entertaining a number of the Freshmen. Brother Dight took this as a fitting occasion to announce to us the marriage of Bro. Paul L. Bruner, '10, and Miss Emma Shoup, of Franklyn, Pa. Paul was heartily congratulated. The event greatly surprised us. We expected it, of course, but not so suddenly.

Pennsylvania Gamma wishes for each brother a most enjoyable vacation for the holidays, a merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

*V. B. Eiler,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA.



## Illinois Alpha.

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College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois.

Meets every other Monday at 8 o'clock P. M. at Chapter House, 725 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

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"Time flies and waits for nobody"—really it seems only a few days ago since last we wrote a few of the happenings of Illinois Alpha—so it is with time in a medical school. The work is becoming so interesting in the extreme, notwithstanding the fact that the study of medicine is complex, and, in some instances, difficult to eke out of the concrete books. Yet, with all their industriousness,  $\Sigma \Phi E$  brothers are entertained each week by a unique plan worked out by the social chairman, Brother Russell Heim. Each week brings forth its variety of amusements, which the brothers and alumni greatly enjoy.

Illinois Alpha passed the Thanksgiving holidays quietly, and on the eve of Thanksgiving all assembled together and attended the Illinois Theatre, which custom has been annually practiced.

Illinois Alpha has been working diligently, both in and out of school, and the brothers feel proud of the many new "pledges" recorded, that soon, we hope, will be within the realms of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Louis Athon, our worthy "Sigma," passed Thanksgiving with a dear friend at Marshall, Illinois. A committee has been appointed to inquire more about this trip. We are all interested.

In closing our letter, Illinois Alpha extends to all sister chapters their heartiest wishes for a very happy New Year.

Faternally,

*Paul V. Joyce,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

## Colorado Alpha.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Evening at 7:30 o'clock at Chapter House, 1135 Eleventh Street.

The time has come for the second letter to THE JOURNAL. Our four letters might be classed with the seasons, by the activities they represent. The first letter comes soon after the opening of the school year. It is filled with the plans of the year, the results of the "rushing" season, and the introduction of the new men to the fraternity. It is always of interest to know how the chapters have started the new year. The second letter comes near the holiday season. The thoughts this time are turned towards the results on the foot-ball field and to the heroes of the gridiron. Social functions are at their height in this holiday time, and the different chapters are interested in their own special functions. Then we have the letter that brings the results of the first semester's studies, and we are proud to mention those who have been faithful in their work. Base-ball, track, and basket-ball come in for their share of prominence, and more especially the inter-fraternity games. The last letter bids farewell to the Seniors; it speeds the parting, and welcomes the coming year. Commencement exercises are spoken of, with a brief review of what has been done during the year. Thus we see that our letters are classified, and it should always be the desire of the Historian to make his letter one of this general interest throughout the fraternity.

Colorado Alpha has undoubtedly had the most successful opening of any year since her establishment here. We have had two initiations since the last letter, besides the one at the very first of the year, which has been mentioned before in THE JOURNAL. The second initiation was our regular time, when we furnished the "goat" for ten men—two Juniors, two Sophomores, and six Freshmen. Several of these men have already acquired distinction in the affairs of the University, and deserve especial mention her.

Brother Winfred Prouty has distinguished himself both in literary and athletic fields. He is assistant editor on the *Engineering Journal*, and engineering editor upon the school annual, *The Coloradoan*; while on the track team of the University he has been one of the star long-distance runners now for two years. He is also president of the Junior Engineers this year.

We are fortunate in procuring a man who has come here from Lake Forest University as a Junior. Bro. Julius Shulte has to his credit from that school a managership of foot-ball and one year on the team, a captaincy of base-ball, and a letter from basket-ball. We expect him to do some valuable work for the 'Varsity next year, being, of course, barred from active participation now by the one-year rule.

Brothers John McFadden and "Pug" Hartman are both Sophomores, and are letter men on the foot-ball field—McFadden having played a star game at left half for two years, and Hartman at right end for one year. McFadden also has a brilliant record in track from both 'Varsity and high school, from his exceptional time in the 100 and 220 dashes. He is basket-ball captain this year.

Two of the Freshmen have also shown strong propensities towards foot-ball. "Stub" Weeks has already gained the hearts of several of the co-eds. by his exhibitions at quarter, while "Dutch" Hartman, by his gameness in line plunging from the position of full back, has proven another favorite. Porter Brace is president of the fraternity Freshmen, and, through a schedule system, far too complicated for the upper-classmen to understand, he keeps the odd jobs done.

In the third initiation two more men were introduced to the significance of the "heart"—Leo Meeker and Martin Saboe. Brother Meeker is an artist with the piano, while Brother Saboe has a hard hitter's reputation as half back on the foot-ball field.

We take this opportunity, then, to introduce to the other chapters, in the order of initiation, the following men :

On October 9th—

Julius Paul Schulte, '11, Arts, Oak Park, Ill.

Winfred Lafayette Prouty, '11, Civil Engineering, Denver, Colo.

Warden Nathan Hartman, '12, Mech. Engineering, Longmont, Colo.

John Francis McFadden, '12, Arts, Longmont, Colo.

Roy Randolph Weeks, '13, Civil Engineering, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Porter Hiscock Brace, '13, Electrical Engineering, Denver, Colo.

Henry Fay Baldwin, '13, Civil Engineering, New Orleans, La.

Warren Peter Hartman, '13, Arts, Longmont, Colo.

Floyd Bostwick Odlum, '13, Arts, Boulder, Colo.

Louis George Bradfield, '13, Mechanical Engineering, Greeley, Colo.

On November 22d—

Martin Luther Saboe, '13, Arts, Longmont, Colo.

Leo Martin Meeker, '13, Arts, Lincoln, Neb.

Among the old men Brothers Heaton, Smith, Warkley, and Nickel are making good again on the foot-ball field, and at least three of them will make their letter this year.

Brother Flynn is assistant yell leader of the University.

Colorado Alpha has given one down-town dance this year that was considered a great success by all who attended. We are to give a "house dance" on December 10th, making it a Christmas celebration, with evergreen decorations from our surrounding mountains, as it comes just before our holidays.

We have received a communication in regard to the Conclave, and are already preparing the new measures and changes that we wish to bring up there. The delegate this year from Colorado Alpha will be a regular bureau of information, if the present enthusiasm towards new suggestions continues. It is true that it is yet early, but, if we start now, there is not that chance of forgetting some matter of importance.

And now, in closing, although we have but four chances a year to hear of our brothers in the East through THE JOURNAL, we of Colorado Alpha would certainly be glad, at any time, to hear from any of them individually, and we would consider it a

privilege, as well as our duty, to answer any of their letters or inquiries at once.

With the best wishes to all wearers of the "heart," we remain,

Fraternally,

*Edward V. Dunklee,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

COLORADO ALPHA.

## Pennsylvania Delta.

### University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at the Fraternity House, 3745 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Again Pennsylvania Delta sends her greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Thus far success has been with us, and we all expect a bright and glorious future.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we have initiated several good men, all of whom are staunch and true and worthy of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

On October 16th—

Edwin Pancoast Longaker, M., 1913, Philadelphia, Pa.

Milton Burr Spitler, Wharton, 1913, Findlay, Ohio.

Bartholemew C. Shea, Wharton, 1913, Philadelphia, Pa.

On October 30th—

Walter Levering, Bi., 1911, Philadelphia, Pa.

William Asa Brasher, Arch., 1910, St. Louis, Mo.

On November 30th—

Marshall Vance, Wharton, 1913, Dayton, Ohio.

In the near future we will affiliate Brother Roy Oberender, from Pennsylvania Beta, and Brother Brenham, of Colorado Alpha.

On October 29th we held, at the chapter house, an informal tea. All the brothers were present, and it was an occasion long

to be remembered. Many of our alumni were with us, which added to the pleasure of the affair.

Brother Ramsdell made good on the foot-ball squad. He played a star game against Lafayette and Cornell, and is now a proud wearer of a "P." In the Lafayette game he received a severe injury, which laid him up for a week and from which he has not as yet entirely recovered.

Bro. Walter Levering was lately elected to the captaincy of the Cross Country Team. He led the team in the meet at Harvard and made a good showing. We expect great things of him, and feel confident that he will not disappoint us.

Bro. Walter Sibley is again with us, but only for a few days.  $\Sigma \Phi E$  holds a warm spot in Brother Sibley's heart, and it is one of his greatest pleasures to come back and be with us, if only for a short time.

On Sunday, November 14th, we lost by death one of our most worthy brothers—

Benjamin Harry, '05, Law.

The news of his death was a great shock, as it came so suddenly and unexpected. The night before, Saturday, November 13th, one of the brothers stopped with him in his home at Conshohocken, Pa., and the next evening at 8:15 o'clock we received word that he had been killed by a shifting engine, while crossing the railroad at Germantown, Pa.

Brother Harry was in his twenty-fifth year, was practicing law, and had a bright future to look forward to.

A number of the brothers attended the funeral services. Bro. Roy Helton acted as one of the pall-bearers.

On November 30th Brother Phillips favored us with a visit. We are always glad to have him with us, and wish he would come around more often.

Bro. George Macfarlane is one of the busiest men around the house at present. George made the Senior Debating Team, and is hard at work preparing his argument.

Wishing all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  success, we remain,

Fraternally,

*Norman Foster,*

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## Virginia Delta.

College of William and Mary.

Meets every Friday Night at 11 o'clock.

Now that winter has set in, and Thanksgiving, with all its amusements, has swept past us, we all are naturally looking forward to the approach of the Christmas holidays, and no doubt most of us are anticipating a very pleasant visit to "Sweet Home."

It pleases Virginia Delta to give to every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  her best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Since our last letter to *THE JOURNAL* the "goat" has succeeded in breaking loose several times. As a result he has brought in five victims from behind the curtains which hide the mysteries of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

It is with a feeling of pride that we introduce to our brothers at large the following brothers initiated :

October 2d—

Milton Arlington Fentress, Norfolk, Va.

James Holt Newsom, Emporia, Va.

Herbert Hatchett Blackwell, Kenbridge, Va.

November 5th—

Howard Bruce Croswell, Reedville, Va.

November 20th—

Raymond Taylor Gilliam, Chuckatuck, Va.

All of these new brothers are worthy wearers of the "heart," and will no doubt bring honor to our beloved fraternity.

Brother Fentress has already distinguished himself here by his "sweet minors," and is a star member of the "Minor Quartette." He is also a particular star on the "gym. team," and will have no trouble in securing his letters.

Brother Newsom, with his handsome face and "winning

smiles," will aid a good deal in holding the prominence, which has already been attained, of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  among the ladies. He is a registered pharmacist, having passed the State Board in 1908.

Brother Blackwell, though not possessing the admirable qualities of the others—viz., athletic skill and musical talent—will no doubt do credit to our fraternity in the field of scholarship, which should be the ultimate purpose of all good students.

Brother Croswell is also very prominent in "calico" circles, and is a very true and loyal brother.

Brother Gilliam, who attended Randolph-Macon Academy for the past three years, was a base-ball star on that team, and he bids fair for the "Varsity" here next spring.

Among those who returned to Virginia Delta this fall is our little "cap." of last year's base-ball team, "Kid" Arnold. In him, Brother Fentress, and Brother Gilliam we shall still hold a prominent place in athletics.

In closing, we are glad to extend to each and all of our brothers a most hearty invitation to visit us, and we will assure you that we shall treat you as any brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  should treat another.

Again wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year for both you individually and for the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  fraternity at large, we are,

Faternally,

*H. H. Blackwell,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA DELTA.

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## North Carolina Beta.

North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

It is with sincere pleasure that North Carolina Beta again greets all sister chapters through the medium of our most worthy JOURNAL.

Since our last letter North Carolina Beta has been very busy,



and has left no stone unturned to place  $\Sigma \Phi E$  far ahead, and have added six excellent men to our roll to help us in the task. For these men our "goat" was turned loose on the night of September 25th. Our "goat" was rather frisky, but they all rode gracefully, in the following order :

Louie Lee Hood, '10, Asheville, N. C.

John Canada Cosby, '12, Asheville, N. C.

James Baxter Sarratt, '13, Charlotte, N. C.

Gilvin Theodore Roth, '13, Elkin, N. C.

James Franklin Crowell, '13, Concord, N. C.

Linsey Millard Phelps, '13, Plymouth, N. C.

All of these men have entered upon their duties as  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's with an earnestness which proves they are worthy of the "heart" they wear.

Brother Sarratt was taken ill the night following his initiation with appendicitis, and had to be taken to his home at Charlotte, N. C., for an operation, which he stood successfully, and we are glad to say that he is with us again, almost completely recovered.

North Carolina Beta is represented in musical circles by Brother Hood, whose voice can be heard most any Sunday in the choir of the Presbyterian church of Raleigh, also with the Glee Club, of which he is an important factor. Brother Hood is one of the honor men of the Senior class, and holds the responsible position of Quartermaster-Captain in the battalion of cadets.

The other men, with the exception of Brother Cosby, are all Freshmen, who are making many friends both around College and in Raleigh.

Right here North Carolina Beta wants to congratulate the editors of THE JOURNAL on their excellent work, which is so well shown in the October issue, and to say it is by far the best number that has ever been gotten out by the fraternity. May every member feel that it is his duty to assist in every way possible the editors, who are doing such good work.

Well, the Christmas examinations are upon us again, and the

"midnight oil" is being consumed in great quantities. As "sheep-skins" await five of our members this year, it can be safely supposed that they are hard at it, so that when their well-earned rest comes with Christmas holidays there will be no ghost of back work to mar their happiness.

Before another letter is due  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will begin a new year, and may this new year hold all the blessings and bright things possible for the fraternity and each brother, and may the new resolutions be to do all that is possible for our fraternity during the year.

In closing, we wish all in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  Godspeed, a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Faternally,

*Alfred S. Armfield,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

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## Ohio Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Meets every Sunday Afternoon at 1:30, in Chapter House, South Gilbert Street.

We are greatly interested in keeping under close observation the sturdy, continuous growth of our progressive fraternity. This expansion surely makes self-evident the fact that our Grand Chapter officers are active, and they deserve great credit for their work. We are glad to note the keen activity in the East and South, and we hope the good fight will go on and be carried into the West, where we feel that an excellent field is open for exploitation.

We are progressing and doing well, and learning new lessons in fraternalism every day. Our number is increasing, and our prospects were never better for the rounding out of a successful year. Many of our men are prominent in athletics, literary pursuits, and scholarship, and we feel justly proud of the general record and deportment of our membership.

We are trying to profit by an article which appeared in

THE JOURNAL relative to the conducting of regular weekly chapter meetings, and, to say the least, this article was timely and contained much sound reason. These meetings constitute the power-generating forces that keep the machinery of our organization in motion. They must be made interesting by the handling of live subject-matter, or the chapter becomes passive in action and influence. These meetings present an excellent opportunity for the discussion of our purposes and ideals, and we find that by taking advantage of them in this manner great and lasting benefits result.

In reviewing our work for the past, and upon examining present activities, we find much to encourage us to greater effort in the future. Our men are beginning to appreciate as never before the fact that fraternalism confers great benefits upon the individual while in college, and, if anything, still greater benefits after leaving college. We realize that the strength and the vitality of every chapter in our organization depends upon the perpetuation of the work. This can only be done by the addition of new members to our circles, and while we deplore the sacrifice of quality for quantity, and believe it entirely unnecessary, we do feel that much can be said with profit upon the importance of bringing into our fraternity every available candidate who measures up to our standards of conduct and ability. Let every  $\Sigma \Phi E$  brother appoint himself a committee of one to push this great work forward with the expenditure of a little time and personal effort.

We present to the fraternity at large the following men, who were initiated since forwarding our last letter :

On October 17, 1909—

Donald Sisson Maglott, '12, Civil Engineering, Ada, Ohio.

Paul Farnham Fusselman, '11, Civil Engineering, Edgeton, Ohio.

On November 4, 1909—

Edson Pierce Herrick, '12, Mechanical Engineering, New Haven, Conn.

Erwin Herbert Lawrence, '10, Pharmacy, Mayville, Mich.

Elton Godfrey Rogers, '12, Civil Engineering, Bridgeport, Conn.

We have built great hopes upon these men, and, knowing them as we do, congratulate ourselves and the organization upon their enrollment in our ranks.

We will close by wishing our national officers and sister chapters a happy holiday season and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Faternally,

*C. F. Schellenberg,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

OHIO ALPHA.

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## Indiana Alpha.

Purdue University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 9:30 P. M. at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street.

Indiana Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a very merry Christmas and a happy and most successful New Year.

Since our last letter the "goat" has been brought forth from his summer resting-place, feeling friskier than ever, as the two candidates will vouch. We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large two new brothers, initiated December 13th—

Victor Williamson McCord, '11, Pharmacy, Auburn, Ind.,  
Cortland Roy Weber, '11, Pharmacy, Clay City, Ind.,

who, we feel sure, will prove true and worthy bearers of the golden "heart" of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

The Junior class recently held two elections, which meant much for our chapter. The first was the selection of six members for the Junior "Prom." Committee. After an exciting campaign, Bro. W. A. Hanley was elected chairman of the committee. This is an important office, as the "Prom." is the one big social event of the scholastic year. The other election was that of the 1911 *Debris* staff. The *Debris* is the University year book, and is issued by the Senior class. Bro. I. V. Woods was unanimously chosen as athletic editor, which he is well qualified to fill, holding the same position on the daily *Exponent*

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In college activities our members are prominent. Bro. E. J. Bayer is playing first violin in the orchestra, and the tuneful strains of his fiddle add much to the melodies. Bro. W. J. Friedmann won his numerals as quarter-back of the Sophomore foot-ball team, while "Pledge" C. S. Becker gained his as end on the champion Freshman eleven. Brothers Desloge and Cavan, although they practiced hard and faithfully on the Senior squad, failed to play the necessary number of games to win the coveted numerals. Bro. C. R. Weber is president of the Junior Pharmacy Class, and Bro. M. J. Kolb fills a similar office in the Pharmaceutical Society. Bro. T. H. Henry is a member of the Irving Literary Society. Brothers W. A. Hanley and M. J. Kolb are on the Social Committee of the Newman Club.

We have recently "pledged" two men, and are "rushing" several more. Due to faculty restrictions, the Purdue fraternities are unable to initiate Freshmen until the first of April. Then we will have several new brothers to introduce. This ruling, in a way, is a very good thing, as it gives the "pledge" a longer time to look at the crowd and make his final decision, and it likewise affords the same advantage to the chapters, to fully size up the "pledge" and determine whether he will make a worthy brother.

Brothers Daley, Cavan, and Bayer accompanied the Senior class in civil engineering on its annual inspection trip. They visited the Louisville cement plants, Bedford stone quarries, and inspected numerous bridges and constructions along the way. While in Louisville they recalled old times with Brothers J. E. Ulrich, '05, E. J. Clerget, '07, and M. L. McCracken, ex-'11.

On November 5th we entertained at an informal dance. This was given over in town, as our floors were then being re-finished, having warped excessively during the summer. We expect to christen the new floors—now as smooth as glass—on Wednesday evening before Christmas, at another informal. School closes the following day, and, having few lessons to prepare, we can enjoy ourselves to the utmost, with care-free minds and gladsome hearts for the yuletide season.

Again Indiana Alpha wishes all in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  the fullest measure of Christmas happiness, and a new year bringing with it a fulfillment of all their hopes and desires.

Faternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

*W. A. Hanley,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## New York Alpha.

Syracuse University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 7 o'clock, in the Chapter House, 303 Waverly Avenue.

To all her sister chapters New York Alpha would again extend most hearty fraternal greetings, with the hope that the college year, now well advanced, is bringing to each the realization of the good things predicted in last quarter's JOURNAL.

Now that the Thanksgiving recess is over, and the brothers are all back again from their various raids on the good things always so generously supplied at the old home, notices of "busy," "call again," "don't butt in," etc., have made their appearance on the doors of many of the study-rooms, and one is compelled to recognize that the slogan at New York Alpha is "work!"

The annals of our chapter would be most incomplete without reference to our red-letter day, November 5, 1909. The afternoon marked the initiation into the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  brotherhood of our eight Freshmen "pledglings," and the evening brought forth the largest banquet in the history of the Syracuse Chapter. From the entering class this year our selections were made early and most wisely, so it is with the greatest of pleasure we are now able to introduce the following new brothers:

Joseph McGowan Daniel Lanigan, '13, Syracuse, N. Y.

Otto G. Reumann, '13, Greenport, L. I.

Glen Parker Van Eseltine, '13, Syracuse, N. Y.

George Francis Bowman, '13, Dexter, N. Y.

James Harmer Rile, Jr., '13, Wilmington, Del.

Henry Bernard Murray, Jr., '12, Straatsburg, N. Y.

Oliver John Smith, '13, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Joseph Deremus Griffin, '12, Greensboro, N. C.

"Joe" Lanigan is a home-grown Irishman, capable of making more "bulls" to the linear yard than any other conversationalist in the chapter.

"Otto" is a worthy exponent of the "Down East" style of articulation, and rumor has it that he has fond dreams of a little gold key in 1913.

"Glenn" is a philosopher, a naturalist, and a sure honor winner for  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Rile comes to us from the Blue Hen State, with a trunk full of medals and blue ribbons. "Doc" is a runner, and the half-mile is his strong event.

Smith has designs on a C. E., but, in spite of all we can do, the tendencies inherited from his ancestor, "Captain John," will crop out, and we must acknowledge that Oliver is strong for the "co-eds."

Murray and "Griff" feel that the legal profession lacks two really good men, so they've decided to sacrifice their promising young lives to the cause of justice and equity.

"G. Francis" takes his Freshman year very seriously, having already shown that he knows what he's here for, and that he understands the process of obtaining what he wants.

On the gridiron this fall Brother Scull attained considerable prominence as substitute half-back on the "'Varsity," while Brothers Merwin, Edmunds, Davern, and Fitch helped pound the big fellows into shape from their positions on the second team. As a result of this strenuous process Brother Merwin has been compelled to take a six weeks' vacation in order to permit a sprained ankle and a dislocated knee to regain their normal condition.

In the other University activities our brothers are, as usual, taking a prominent part. Brother Bonnett is playing second mandolin in the Mandolin Club, and Brothers Gilmore, Prentice, and

Keeney are members of the Glee Club. Brother Putnam is one of the two representatives of the Junior class on the Athletic Governing Board, the body which controls all the athletics of the University.

Among the various department societies and clubs our boys are found to hold many positions of honor and trust.

As to "faculty members," we have our usual representation in places of authority and responsibility. Brother Soule is assistant in the Botany Department, Brother Edmunds in Surveying, Brother Northrop in the Geology Department, and Brother Breckheimer in the German Department.

New York Alpha has been making a little "noise" in the social world, too, this fall. We have already held two "informals," one in a hall down town in honor of our "pledges," and the other at the chapter house. Just now all interest is centered in that social event of the first semester, the Junior Promenade, to be held the evening of December 16th in the College Gymnasium. From present indications it is safe to predict a larger representation than usual from  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at this most important college function.

In closing, we would again remind our brothers everywhere that New York Alpha's latch-string is always out, and that nothing pleases us more than to have it used. And now we hope the approaching holiday season will bring to each chapter and brother a message of good cheer and yuletide pleasure that will make the new year one of prosperity and happiness.

Fraternally,

*John D. Northrop,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NEW YORK ALPHA.



## Virginia Epsilon.

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Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10:00 o'clock, in Chapter Rooms, McCrum Building.

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Again it is our pleasure to send greetings to our sister chapters through THE JOURNAL, and to wish that in the coming year of 1910 we may all continue to grow and prosper.

This chapter has been most fortunate this fall in getting good new men. Competing with fifteen fraternities, we have secured all the men that have bid, and we feel safe in saying that no better men were to be found in the Freshman class. On October 9th we had our second "goating," and now introduce to you the new brothers :

Elza Tate Housley, Arts, '13, Hot Springs, Ark.

Richard Bernard Loughran, Arts, '13, Asheville, N. C.

Frederick R. Hocker, Arts, '13, Tallahassee, Fla.

On October 16th we again brought out our "famous manufactured butter, Oleomargarine," and introduced him to—

John Monroe Cole, Arts, '13, Roanoke, Va.

Brother Housley was the captain of the Hot Springs High School foot-ball and basket-ball teams, but has been too busy with his studies to engage actively in athletics this year. He promises, however, that he will show us what he can do in base-ball this coming spring.

Brother Loughran took first diploma at the famous St. Mary's School, and is also a great man with the ladies, and one of the best mixers in the Freshman class. He played left end on the Freshman foot-ball team.

Brother Hocker has been to nearly all the prep. schools in the South, and he is well prepared for university work. He aspires to be the leading "ladies man" of the school.

Brother Cole graduated at the Randolph-Macon Academy, where he was an  $\Lambda \Phi \Omega$ . He is one of the most popular Freshmen, and a fine fellow.

All our "goats" this year are real fraternity men, and will keep  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in her high place.

We have had the misfortune to lose one of our best old men, Brother Robert Knott. On account of ill health he has withdrawn from school for the year. We miss him greatly, and hope to have him with us again next fall.

Brother Pitchford has been initiated in the legal fraternity of  $\Theta \Lambda \Phi$ . Brother Cazort was one of the two debaters for his society in the annual contest between our two literary societies, and, according to the *College Weekly*, made the best speech of the occasion.

Bro. K. Y. Rockwell spent a month in a preparatory school at Annapolis, and, not finding the navy to his liking, has re-entered Washington and Lee, taking up the literary course.

Brother Reilley has been elected the President of the North Carolina State Club.

We are glad to welcome into the brotherhood the new chapter at George Washington University, and send to them and all others a happy New Year's greeting.

Fraternally,

*Paul A. Rockwell,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

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## Virginia Zeta.

Randolph-Macon College.

Meets every Saturday Night in Fraternity Hall, Hughes Building.

As the time draws near when the second letter of the year must be written, we of Virginia Zeta are also reminded of the approach of examinations and Christmas—such an admixture of pain and pleasure as may well strike terror to the bravest of souls.

All is quiet along the campus. Since the close of the foot-ball season, on Thanksgiving day, all has been as dead as the proverbial Hector around the College, and, instead of our erst-

while merry meetings, we are at present engaged in the pursuit of knowledge with such swiftness as to strike awe into the hearts of the most indefatigable of students. But, though this be true, we have not spent all of the past three months of the session in attempts to drain the Pyerian spring, and it is the pleasure and privilege of your scribe to attempt to make known some of the more pleasing happenings of the year, and to show to the brotherhood at large that we are still doing our best toward the furtherance of the principles and glory of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Since last we met through the medium of *THE JOURNAL*, Virginia Zeta has been interested in practically all of the departments of life in our College. Perhaps foot-ball has claimed the major portion of our attention, but not all, as we shall try to show before we conclude our letter; yet we feel that so long as this game has demanded so much of the attention, not only of Randolph-Macon, but likewise of all the other colleges of the nation, it should be to foot-ball that we give our first consideration. We have been exceedingly fortunate this year in this department of college activity, for the 'Varsity was captained by a Sigma Phi Epsilon, who played end, and, besides having Brother Drewry in this position, Brother Gillette played a particularly stellar game at the other extreme of the line, while Brother DeShazo, who is, to quote his own words, the only centre in the line, was a wall of defence in his capacity. The team which Randolph-Macon turned out this year was a particularly good one, and we are proud, indeed, of having such a large share of the glory to fall upon our chapter and upon our fraternity. We are also glad to announce that Brother Gillette's playing met with such great approval as to place him upon the team of the All-Eastern Virginia Division, and, though the All-Virginia selection has not yet been made, his name has been mentioned favorably in this connection. Of the good work of Brothers Drewry and DeShazo we have nothing but words of praise, and, since our space is limited, should any of the brothers wish to know more of their prowess, we can refer them to any of the accounts of any of the games played. And though we must

lose Brother Drewry at the close of the session, the others will be back in the line-up next year, so that our succeeding scribe can tell more of their work in the next volume of our magazine.

As in foot-ball, so in literary work. At the elections already held our men have shown up creditably to themselves and to us, and we have received several good offices at the hands of the student body. Brother Worsham had the honor of being chosen as one of the public debaters of the Franklin Literary Society, and, though the more important elections have not yet been held, several minor "plums" have fallen to our lot, and the prospect for more and greater ones is very encouraging.

And now a word as to scholarship—though we would say, in passing, that the hour of reckoning has not yet arrived, and much that we would say must be left unsaid until after the "goats" have been separated from the sheep and the waters of tribulation have been safely crossed. But we can say, however, that we have little fear as to the results of the semester's work. One of the proudest boasts of the local chapter is its scholarship, and we are more than glad to see our sister chapters joining with us in the demand for better work in the college classes. We do not lay claim to a monopoly of the brilliant minds of our College, but we do claim that we have not been outdone in our class-room work, nor do we intend to be outdone so long as the spirit of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  remains with us. Need we ask how long this spirit abides anywhere it has once taken root? We are proud to say that we are members of that living, breathing body, whose spirit never flags, and whose motto is ever, and shall be ever, "Onward!"

But we find that we have already encroached too heavily upon your time, and, though we would fain continue, we feel that we must cease. In conclusion, however, we wish to acknowledge the visits of Brother Mason, of Virginia Delta, Brother Meredith, of Virginia Alpha, and Bro. L. W. White, of our alumni, and also the enjoyable time spent by the majority of this chapter at the recent "goating" held by Alpha. These interchanges of visits go a long way toward the establishment of the closest

relations among the chapters, and we wish to state that we are always glad to have the brothers call, and to make mention of the kindness and heartiness of the welcomes accorded us wherever we are so fortunate as to find a brother.

And now, wishing every brother the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years, and success ever increasing to the whole brotherhood, we bid you *au revoir* until the next issue of THE JOURNAL.

Fraternally,

*F. E. H. McLean,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA ZETA.

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## Georgia Alpha.

Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Meets every Saturday Night in the Alfriend Building, 97 Peachtree Street, at 8 P. M

The glad holiday season is with us once more, and here at "Tech." we can scarce centre our thoughts on anything else save the good times that await us at our homes, where we all expect to spend these few days given over entirely to pleasure. But we will try to turn our thoughts in other channels for a few moments, and send a few words of greetings and good cheer to our sister chapters, and, withal, give you an idea of the progress the "purple and red" of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is making at the leading technological college of the South.

Our foot-ball season here has just closed, and it certainly was a most glorious success. Starting out with a green team throughout, we won all but two games on our schedule, and lost these by the narrowest margin. We were represented in this branch of athletics by Brothers P. C. Herault, T. L. Lewis, and J. J. May, the latter being assistant manager of the team.

Our basket-ball season is now starting, and we expect to have at least two men on the team this year, as Brothers R. L. and R. M. Harris are stars in this line of sports, and should make the team easily.

We recently had the pleasure of a visit from Brother T. B. Burkholter, of Alabama Alpha, of Auburn, who accompanied their foot-ball team over here when they played us a short time ago. He reported the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at Auburn as doing great work, and spoke enthusiastically of their prospects for the future. We all enjoyed his visit very much. We are always glad to have any brother visit us when in Atlanta at any time.

On October 23, 1909, a movement was started here which we expect to see work great good not only for Georgia Alpha, but the fraternity as a whole. This was the organization of an alumni chapter, with headquarters here in Atlanta, the members of which are the various alumni members in this section of the South. We will not go into details of this organization, as regards its purposes, etc., as Brother W. H. Bone, the secretary of the chapter, informs us he has written an account of its proceedings, which is to be published in this issue of *THE JOURNAL*; therefore, we will only express our hearty approval of the motives which prompted their action, and highly commend them for the spirit they are manifesting in the welfare and upbuilding of our fraternity. This is a step in the right direction—a step which we are glad to see taken—and we are especially proud that an old Georgia Alpha man took the lead in the matter.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following brothers, initiated October 19th:  
 Harrison Samuel McCrary, Jr., '12, Architecture, Brunswick, Ga.  
 George Melville Hope, Jr., '12, Electrical, Atlanta, Ga.  
 Philip Johnson Scudder, Jr., '13, Electrical, Shelbyville, Tenn.

These brothers are popular with the student body and the faculty as well. When it comes to being a lady's man, Brothers Hope and McCrary "are there with the goods," and it is hard to tell which one is leading.

Brother Scudder is a dead shot when it comes to anything in the "math." line.

We have several "pledges" that we will introduce in our next letter.

Once more wishing all our brothers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, we are,

Fraternally,

*James J. May,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

GEORGIA ALPHA.

## Delaware Alpha.

### Delaware State College.

Meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P. M., in Fraternity House, 558 Wilkins Terrace.

It is with pleasure that Delaware Alpha, for the second time during this college year, sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

The year has now well advanced, and, as we reflect upon the past, the question naturally arises, Have I done my best and improved my opportunities? If every brother in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  would occasionally ask himself this question, there is no doubt that in a short time we would achieve greater success than ever before. This will apply to our college duties as well as to our fraternity work. We are all acquainted with the words of the poet, "Time and tide wait for no man." So it is our opportunities come, and if we do not grasp them at the moment, they are gone.

As a chapter, Delaware Alpha feels that she has not been idle during the past months of this college year. We have added five men to our list, whom we feel sure will do good work for their college and be a credit to the fraternity at large.

They are, in their order of initiation:

October 6, 1909—

Carl Addison Taylor, '12, Engineering, Kenton, Del.

William Whitely Bush, '13, Engineering, Wilmington, Del.

Elmer George Brown, '13, Science, Wilmington, Del.

November 3, 1909—

Charles Irwin Van Arsdalen, '11, Engineering, Wilmington, Del.

George Newstead Groff, '13, Engineering, Wilmington, Del.

We feel especially proud of these men, because they have proven their worth.

Brother "Dick" Taylor is president of his class, and is also half-back on the 'Varsity foot-ball team. He played in every game of the season, and was recognized as one of the "stars."

Brother Bush is an excellent student and made a place on his class foot-ball team.

Brother Brown is president of his class.

Brother Van Arsdalen is vice-president and also one of the best students in his class.

Brother Groff is substitute tackle on the 'Varsity, and promises to make a place as soon as he has a little more experience.

We also have another "pledge," whom we expect to introduce in the next issue of *THE JOURNAL*.

We have had one visit this year from Brother Griffin. Brother Phillips was also with us on December 2d. We are always helped by visits from such brothers as these, especially when they report everything in such good condition. Visits by our Grand Officers, and also by brothers from other chapters, should be encouraged, because it helps to bind us all in closer friendship, and we wish to say here that the door of Delaware Alpha stands open to any brother who has the opportunity to visit us.

On Sunday, December 5th, Brother Coale paid us a visit. Brothers Newman and Gotwalls, of the '08 class, were also present on the above date, and, with these jolly fellows around us, it brought pleasant recollections of the past.

We are now making preparations for our second annual dance, which is to take place in the early part of January. Our dance last year was a great success, but we hope this year to make even a better showing than before. As this is one of our big social functions of the year, we think of it with a great deal of pleasure.

Now, as the Christmas vacation draws near, we all look forward with a certain sense of expectancy and pleasure for these holidays. After we have spent these delightful days, let us remember that we are just starting on a new year, and that it is time to make new resolutions. Let every brother strive to do his best, and it will be a banner year for himself and for "our fraternity."

In closing, we wish every brother a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Faternally,

*H. S. Ledenham,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DELAWARE ALPHA.



## Virginia Eta.

### University of Virginia.

Meets every Saturday Night at 11 o'clock, in Fraternity House, on Chancellor Street.

Through the medium of this, the Christmas issue of THE JOURNAL, Virginia Eta takes the opportunity of wishing all the chapters the pleasures of the merry Christmas season.

Since our last letter to THE JOURNAL we have all been working together, trying to advance the interests of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and in some things success has crowned our efforts. We believe that we have the house problem solved permanently. Our house this year has served every reasonable requirement, and there is a plan on foot to keep the present one for the home of Virginia Eta for several years.

We have been hard at work to secure some desirable "goats," and have obtained three, of which the fraternity may well be proud. We therefore take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ :

John Wilson Harris, Jr., Academic, '13, Memphis, Tenn.

George Walker, Law, '10, Heathsville, Va.

Leroy Harcourt Sexton, Engineering, '13, Baltimore, Md.

These young men were assembled for the rough-house work on October 29th, and we feel that each of us did his part to make that night a memorable one to them. On the next night they were formally initiated into the secrets of the brotherhood. This is the first time that we have ever separated the two parts of the initiation, and we believe that this method has far better effects than the old one of completing the work in a single night; it allows more time for each part of the initiation, which are essentially different from each other.

On the evening of the V. M. I. and Virginia foot-ball game we gave an informal "smoker," and had with us Brothers English and Dashiell, who were playing on the V. M. I. team.

We have given several soirees this season, which, as they

usually are, were cheerfully spent, yet one of our chief joys have been the informal parties given on about fifteen minutes' notice, at which Brother Gravatt, the ever-willing Welsh rarebit cook, presided, while Brother Griffith, the star fudge maker, is never loath, not even just before examination time.

Of our athletic members, Brother Ashby, captain of the 1909 basket-ball team, is still with us, while Brother Fitchett, of last year's base-ball team, will be out for other honors, and we expect him to show himself a "king" on the diamond.

With all this rejoicing this letter must end with a note of regret, for this year Brothers P. H. Gaskin and W. M. Snell leave us, although the latter may return after Christmas. These were our first two transfers, Brother Gaskin coming from Georgia Alpha, and Brother Snell from Virginia Zeta. They came to us full-armed  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's, in the days of our infancy, and helped us wonderfully to attain the position we now hold. Every member of the chapter will feel a personal loss because of their withdrawal. Brother Snell is in business at Harrisonburg, Va., while Brother Gaskin goes to accept an important position with the Fourth National Bank, of Jacksonville, Fla. Our hearts' best wishes go with them in their chosen fields of work.

Faternally,

*E. W. Wall,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA ETA.

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## Arkansas Alpha.

University of Arkansas.

Meets every Sunday Evening in the Chapter House, 300 West Centre Street.

All at Arkansas Alpha are busily engaged with their term's work, for the examinations come just after the Christmas holidays.

The heads of the fraternities in Arkansas University have banded themselves together in an inter-fraternity for the discussion of topics which pertain to the welfare of the fraternities.

This organization is known as N A Σ. The question before them now is the admission of the fraternities into the University annual, which is called *The Cardinal*. The non-fraternity men, as a whole, are opposed to the fraternity men having anything to do with the annual.

Arkansas has had the most successful team in foot-ball this year that she has ever had, having won all the games played this season, and is claiming the championship of the South.

We have no chapter news of importance for this issue, but hope to have much of interest for the March JOURNAL. We look forward to meeting personally our sister chapters at the Conclave.

Fraternally,

*M. R. Phillips,*  
*Acting Chapter Historian.*

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

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## Pennsylvania Epsilon.

Lehigh University.

Meets every Thursday Evening at 7 o'clock, in Chapter House, 821 Delaware Avenue.

Although perhaps a little late, Pennsylvania Epsilon bids welcome to her new sister chapter, District of Columbia Alpha, and wishes it the best of success.

Thanksgiving vacation has just passed, but already everybody is looking forward to a longer vacation at Christmas and the pleasant times that means for all of us. However, it is not yet here, and there is much to be done both in College and for the fraternity before that time.

Foot-ball, which was fairly successful here this season, has been laid away for a time, and the wearers of the 'Varsity "L" will soon be announced. Pennsylvania Epsilon has two men with the required number of halves entitling them to wear the "L," and is proud of them. They are Brothers Reese and Schenck. Brother Reese played a rattling good game at guard, and Brother Schenck, who, owing to an injury, was out

of the game for a time, showed up very well at right end.

Pennsylvania Epsilon has been right busy since College opened, so that, beside three men pledged on October 28th, we made one of us the following men, whom we are proud to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Barton Bird Quirk, Civil Eng., '13, Hatboro, Pa.

Harry Smith Rowland, Mech. Eng., '13, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Ernest Erastus Finn, Mech. Eng., '13, Montrose, Pa.

These men are all good students, and, coming to us with good records in both scholastic and athletic lines, they are worthy wearers of the "heart" of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

We are well represented in the University Minstrel Association this year. The places are gotten by competition, which was pretty stiff this year, so many being out for it. Our fellows taking part are Brothers Poole, Pearsall, Priestly, Quirk, and Hall. This show is an annual affair, and is one of the big things of the college year.

On November 20th we had a "Stag Day," as it were. This day, which is the day of the Lafayette game, has been set aside for our alumni. This year quite a number of the old men were back, together with the fathers of the fellows. By this means our parents can see just how we are fixed, and our alumni can get into the spirit of student days. A few very pleasant days were spent at this time.

On the 4th we hold our first little society function of the year. We are having an informal dance—just a little to relieve the monotony of student life. The fellows have been "fussing" more these last few weeks than has been done for a long while, just to get into practice for what's coming.

Trusting you all will have the best of success, and wishing you a right merry Christmas, we are,

Faternally,

*J. Ross Hall,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

## Virginia Theta.

### Virginia Military Institute.

Meetings Friday Nights in Barracks. Alternate Sundays at Sigma Phi Epsilon Rooms in Lexington.

Virginia Theta sends greetings again to her sister chapters, and hopes that they have gained an ample share of honors during the past foot-ball season. It is our privilege to announce that Bro. H. G. Dashiell was unanimously elected captain of next year's team.

Now that the "rushing" season is over, Virginia Theta feels contented that in choosing her men she has been as successful as in athletics.

We take pleasure in announcing the following initiates:

On September 27th—

Thomas McFarland Cockrill, '13, Platte City, Mo.

William Howard Edwards, '11, Leesburg, Va.

Saillard Rembert, '11, Rembert, S. C.

Hugh Ambrose Murrell, '13, Charlotte, N. C.

Lee Saunders Gerow, '13, Petersburg, Va.

On October 4th—

Ward Lockart Lindsay, '13, Hollywood, Cal.

Henry Davin Walker, '11, Pemberton, Va.

On October 17th—

Guy Harcourt Morrow, '12, Asbury Park, N. J.

George Elmore Bushnell, '13, Los Angeles, Cal.

On October 24th—

Charles Melville Brister, '11, Petersburg, Va.

John Steth Richie, '12, St. Joseph, Mo.

On October 30th—

Matthew Henry Kingman, '13, Des Moines, Iowa.

Virginia Theta feels confident that her struggle for supremacy will advance under these men, as it has heretofore.

During President Taft's visit to Richmond the city received the corps with more hospitality than other cities have shown on

various occasions.  $\Sigma \Phi E$  men in the corps appreciate the interest shown them by our brothers at Richmond College. We regret that time kept us from closer acquaintance.

Virginia Theta welcomes District of Columbia Alpha, and with best wishes for success to all chapters, we are,

Faternally,

*R. C. Chapman,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VIRGINIA THETA.

## Ohio Gamma.

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Meets every Saturday at 6:45 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1500 Neil Avenue.

The second letter of the year finds our chapter in a very prosperous condition. Things have brightened up considerably since the beginning of the season, and we have made quite a little progress. Our first initiation was held on the night of November 20th, and we added three fine fellows to our number. They are:

Arnouldt Schelly Millikin, Arts, '11, Hamilton, Ohio.

Frederick Peter Dister, Eng., '11, Hamilton, Ohio.

Arthur Clifford Brookley, Agr., '12, West Alexandria, Ohio.

We have no "pledges," but there are two or three men whose pledging, we think, is only a question of time.

Ohio Gamma entertained with her first house party of the year Saturday and Sunday, November 5th and 6th. We had boxes at the Case-State game on Saturday afternoon, and a dinner and theatre party at night. Everybody had a good time, and the affair was such a success that it was repeated in a smaller way over the Thanksgiving vacation.

Ohio Gamma had her first large dance of the year on December 1st. We have had several "smokers" this fall, so that altogether the chapter has been quite active socially.

Brothers Millikin and Miller belong to the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, and are away at present on the first trip of the season. They expect to take another trip during the holidays.

Brother Shuler has been appointed associate editor of *The Makio*, the College annual.

Brother Langle did not quite make his "O" in foot-ball this year, but we feel certain that he will next.

We have had a number of our alumni back during the foot-ball season, and we have enjoyed their visits very much.

Brother McCracken, of Pennsylvania Beta, is now in school here at Starling Ohio Medical University, and we have had several pleasant visits from him.

In closing, Ohio Gamma sends best wishes to her sister chapters for a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

*T. Edwin Buchanan,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

OHIO GAMMA.

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## Vermont Alpha.

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### Norwich University.

Meets every other Sunday at 1:30 P. M., in the Chapter House, on Central Street.

It is now time for another letter to THE JOURNAL, and the subject-matter, the students, is absent. Our vacation for Thanksgiving runs from the Tuesday before till the Monday after, a vacation longer, perhaps, than that of our sister chapters. Three of the brothers are staying at the chapter house during vacation, while the others have scattered home, to friends or to relatives, for Thanksgiving. Two of our brothers have gone to Lebanon, N. H., and from there will visit New Hampshire Alpha, at Dartmouth.

This year we had two men make the Varsity team—Brothers Schakowski and Starr. Starr, a Junior, went out for the team the first time this year, and played a "star" game, having played in every game.

The Sophomores trimmed the Freshmen this year in their foot-ball game. The Freshmen had a good stock of material, even better than the Sophomores, but the '12 had the grit. The

result was a surprise to everybody except the "Sophs.," the betting being against them.

We are not able to announce our "pledges" now, as we have not bid all the men yet. We feel certain that we will get a good number of men, and what ones we are sure of are the cream of the class.

Brother Rowe, '09, will go to Fort Ethan Allen this week to take his physical "exams." for appointment to the Field Artillery.

Brother Haight, '09, goes to Washington, to study up for "exams." to enter the army.

We wish all the chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  a successful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Faternally,

*H. T. Baker,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

VERMONT ALPHA.

## Alabama Alpha.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Meets in Fraternity Rooms every Friday at 7:30 P. M.

It is with great pleasure that Alabama Alpha again greets her sister chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

At this time we are all hard at work with our term examinations, and can truthfully say that we are trying to uphold  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in the class-room.

The year, so far, has been a very prosperous one for us. We have gotten our share of the new men, and seem to be on an equal footing with the older fraternities.

We have a larger enrollment than ever now, with 732 men.

Our foot-ball team met with a few reverses this season, but we finished in third place, losing to Vanderbilt and Sewanee only. Last year we were the champions of the South without question.

Brother Bryant was awarded his "A" for being one of the two most consistent "scrubs." He was also captain of the second team.



Our prospects for next year are very bright for another championship team.

In basket-ball this year we expect to finish up at the top. We have a wealth of good material, and have good reasons to believe we will be represented by Brother McGarry.

Although it is rather early, we have begun to realize that we will have a good base-ball team. We have several old men back, and plenty of good new material. In base-ball we hope to be represented by Brothers Matthey and McGarry.

Brother Burkhalter went with the foot-ball team to Atlanta in November, and was royally entertained by Georgia Alpha while there. He feels very much in love with them, and said they were true brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . He also spoke very highly of the manner in which their meetings were conducted. We are hoping to have some of them with us soon, so we can reciprocate the favors shown Brother Burkhalter.

$\Sigma \Phi E$  is also represented in society, having Brothers Bryant, Whitfield, and Steadham in the Thendora Club, a social organization among the Junior and Senior classes. Brother Steadham was one of the founders and Brother Bryant is secretary.

Aside from examinations, athletics, society, etc., we have not been idle, and wish to introduce to the fraternity at large :

Initiated October 23d—

Albert Cook Bryant, '10, Electrical Engineering, Camden, Ala.

Jullin Cope Motley, '13, Civil Engineering, Birmingham, Ala.

Initiated December 4th—

Winston Theo. Wood, '13, Roanoke, Ala.

Initiated December 10th—

James Clark Jones, '13, Camden, Ala.

We feel very proud of these men, and know they will be loyal wearers of the "heart."

Brother Bryant was captain of the "scrub" foot-ball team this year, and is one of the most popular men in his class. The other men are "rats," but have already shown that they have plenty of push and grit, and we expect great things of them in the future.

Brother Motley is a strong candidate for the base-ball team this year, and Brother Wood is a member of the College Band.

Brother Jones is taking care of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in the class-room, being one of the leaders in his class.

Brother Whitfield went over to Birmingham to the Sewanee-Auburn game, and saw Brother Porter, who gave him plenty of good advice, and a fine report of V. M. I. And just here we want to thank Brother Porter and Brother Turnipseed for valuable assistance given us on many different occasions. We surely do appreciate the interest they take in the chapter here, and hope to have them with us after the holidays.

We expect Brothers Almon and Morris back after Christmas, and they will swell the chapter roll to thirteen. We began in September with six men. We expect some good men after Christmas, and hope to introduce some new men in the next JOURNAL.

May all our brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  enjoy the holidays, and return to work for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in 1910.

Congratulations and kindest regards to George Washington University chapter.

Faternally,

*J. B. Steadham,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

ALABAMA ALPHA.

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## North Carolina Gamma.

Trinity College.

Meets every Monday Night at 7 o'clock in the Chapter Rooms.

For the past few months we have been busy looking up the new men, and now, as the "rushing" period is about over, we find that our efforts have been fruitful, because we have several "pledges." Since our last letter we have added to our chapter Edgar Everett Bundy, '12, Elizabeth City, N. C., who was initiated into the secrets of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  on October 29th.

Brother Bundy is a man whom we feel proud to introduce to the fraternity. He was a member of the "1907" base-ball

team, and is at present a member of the Gymnasium team. Having made his "T" twice, he has not neglected the fair sex, and is very popular with them.

At the recent class elections Brother McCoy was elected representative to the Athletic Council from the Sophomore class, which is one of the important offices.

In athletics we are well represented. Foot-ball is not allowed, thus there are many more candidates for the other athletic teams, making it a greater honor to become a member of them. In tennis we were given a very pleasant surprise by Bro. E. C. Ashby winning the fall tournament. In this tournament all the best players in College took part, because it decided who made the College team. Brother Bundy is our representative on the Gymnasium team, while Brother Ashby is one of the five of the Senior basket-ball team.

On October 30th the Richmond College foot-ball team spent the night in the city, after playing Carolina that afternoon. We were pleased to find several brothers from Alpha on the team, and enjoyed their short visit. We have also had visits from several brothers from North Carolina Beta during the past month. We are always glad to have any of our brothers visit us, and we extend a cordial invitation to all who happen to be in our city to come out to see us.

Several of our chapter spent Thanksgiving Day in Norfolk, where they witnessed the A. & M.-V. P. I. foot-ball game. They report that they met quite a number of brothers there, and had a very pleasant time with them.

In closing, we extend the hand of welcome and fraternal greetings to our new chapter, District of Columbia Alpha, and with the best wishes to all our sister chapters for a prosperous year, we are,

Faternally,

*J. M. Currin, Jr.,*

*Chapter Historian.*

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

## New Hampshire Alpha.

### Dartmouth College.

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. in Fraternity Rooms, Dartmouth National Bank Building.

To all in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , heartiest greetings.

November is one of the busiest months at Dartmouth. The most important foot-ball games are played in this month, and organized calling upon Freshmen is permissible.

The Dartmouth foot-ball team has had a successful season, having tied Princeton and been beaten once—by Harvard. With the Harvard game, November 13th, the Dartmouth foot-ball season closed, and every evening is now occupied with “fussing” Freshmen.

$\Sigma \Phi E$  has been active in keeping its eyes open for good fraternity material. It may be well to briefly explain here the “chinning” system as in force at Dartmouth. Previous to November 1st there can be no organized calling upon Freshmen—*i. e.*, no more than one fraternity man at a time can call upon a Freshman, or man entering college from another college, not a fraternity man; also, but one fraternity man may go for a walk with a Freshman, unless one or more members of another fraternity accompany them. There can be no entertainment whatsoever of Freshmen by fraternity men, such as “feeds,” “drives,” “smokers,” etc., previous to 7 A. M. December 4th. At this time “chinning” is in order, and appointments may be made during the day, but “pledges” made before 12 P. M. are considered invalid.

We were proud to shake “Scotty’s” hand as he returned from Boston after the inter-collegiate cross-country meet at “Tech.” field November 20th. The first cross-country team ever to represent Dartmouth pulled off fifth place in a field of ten, with Scott’s help. Brother Scott is a clean, even runner, of whom Dartmouth and  $\Sigma \Phi E$  can well afford to be proud.

On the evening of November 1st the  $\Phi$  called together all

the brothers of New Hampshire Alpha for an informal gathering in commemoration of Founders' Day.

We take pleasure in introducing to the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  fraternity—

Forrest Flagg Owen, A. B., 1911, Concord, N. H.,

whom we initiated October 27, 1909;

George Edward Chamberlin, Civ. Eng., B. S., 1910, Manchester, N. H.,

who was initiated October 30th, and

Daniel Basil O'Connor,

initiated November 27th.

All of these brothers are men of much ability and popularity, and we are glad indeed to call them "brother."

New Hampshire Alpha had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers Harold and Ralph Baker, Phi and Tau, respectively, of Vermont Alpha, over Sunday following Thanksgiving.

With sincerest wishes for success and a most merry Christmas, we are,

Faternally,

*A. E. Dorr,*

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

## District of Columbia Alpha.

George Washington University.

Meets every Saturday, at 8:30 P. M., at the Chapter House, 1515 O Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Telephone, North 3007.

District of Columbia Alpha is most grateful at the reception she has received at the hands of the other chapters. We feel that we have made no mistake in the selection of a fraternity with which to be affiliated. Most every chapter has congratulated us either by telegram, letter, chapter letter in *THE JOURNAL*, or by personal visits by some of its members. These little incidents, while not of great importance, and, one might say, demanded by courtesy, help greatly to bind the chapters together, and to cause the members to feel more thoroughly that they are members of the same fraternity.

District of Columbia Alpha has much to report, and to be thankful for, in the way of activities. On Hallowe'en night we entertained the ladies at the chapter house. The rooms were tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and pennants, due to the kindly offices of Brothers Seiler and Yancey. Amid weird noises, and the occasional appearances of a ghostly spectacle, many lurid tales were heard, while the crowd sat gathered around the witch's pot. After refreshments, consisting of a doughnut, a piece of pumpkin pie, an apple, and a glass of cider, served in "ye olden style," we closed the evening with a few dances and college songs. Brother Wallace, of Virginia Zeta Chapter, who came over from Baltimore for the occasion, furnished the music.

Thanksgiving night we again had the pleasure of the ladies' company at a "five hundred party." Miss Brashears and Brother Gates won the first prizes for the ladies and gentlemen, respectively, and Miss Johnston and Brother Poole the second prizes.

In the line of college honors we are glad to be able to mention that Brother Poole was elected president of the Junior College Class. In Junior Law Brother Curl had the position of class editor for *The Cherry Tree* thrust upon him. Brother Peck wears a pleasant countenance as a result of being chosen vice-president of the Freshman Forenoon Law Class.

In debating circles  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is also not without honor. Brother Rogers is president of the Columbian Debating Society, and Brothers Gates and Barber have received honors in the society debates, and in the trials for the inter-society team for the debate with the Needham Debating Society, on December 18th, Brother Gates was successful. In the Enosinian Society of the College Brother Baer was selected as the representative of that society on the Inter-Collegiate Debating Council. He is the second  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to become a member of that body, Brother Gates being at the present time secretary of the Council.

In the fall athletic elections  $\Sigma \Phi E$  carried the day, for Brothers Curl, Powell, Baer, and Seiler were elected to the posi-

tions of president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. Brother Reavis was also elected one of the three assistant managers of the rifle team.

Outside of college Brother Gates has received the appointment of teacher of English in the National Cathedral School for Boys, and Brother Peck had the good fortune to be made clerk of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

Our initiation took place Saturday, November 27th, and we are happy to introduce to the fraternity the following new brothers:

Arthur Huber Redfield, College, '13, Washington, D. C.

George Varnum Lovering, College, '13, West Somerville, Mass.

George Curtis Peck, Law, '12, New York.

Hadleigh Marsh, B. S., '09, University of Chicago; ex-'09, G. W.

U., and now in the Veterinary School of G. W. U.,  
Washington, D. C.

Edward Richard Callister, Law, '11, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Silas Wesley Rogers, College of the Political Sciences, '10, Danville, Ark.

Frank Orear Everett, College, '09; Law, '11; Baldwin, Kan.

Arthur Hearvey Brame, Engineering, '11, Washington, D. C.

Brothers Marsh and Brame were members of  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma \Pi$ , having been unable to be initiated when District of Columbia Alpha was installed.

These new men, as has been seen from the above, are all men of whom any fraternity might well be proud. If some of them have not yet been heard from, we are sure it will not be long before their names will be recorded in the chapter's hall of fame.

We are also delighted to announce the following affiliations:

Azro Lucien Barber, from New York Alpha, Law, '12.

Charles Layton Vancey, from Virginia Zeta, Law, '12.

Wilson Albert Powell, from Virginia Zeta, Law, '12.

Willis Jordan Plummer, from Virginia Eta, College of Political Sciences, '12.

Bro. George Carroll Taylor, from Virginia Delta and Virginia Eta, is also in the Law School, class of 1911.

As was stated in the beginning of this letter, we have had the pleasure of the presence of many brothers from near-by chapters. It has been a great delight to us to meet these brothers, and we shall always be glad to meet others. The latch-string of the chapter house is ever on the outside, and a hearty welcome awaits any brother who crosses the threshold. Let the welcome be for you!

It is indeed more than a pleasure also to record that our chapter was visited on Saturday, December 4th, by the Grand President, Brother Cooney, and the Grand Secretary, Brother Phillips. These gentlemen are now both residing in Washington, and we look forward most enthusiastically to many visits by them. Their presence in the chapter meeting is always inspiring and profitable to the chapter.

With best wishes for the other chapters, and hoping that all of them have been successful in carrying the banner of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to the front, we are,

Fraternally,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

*Joseph R. Curl,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## Georgia Alpha Alumni.

Atlanta, Ga.

To all in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , greetings from Georgia Alpha Alumni Chapter.

This may be a surprise to most of the brothers, but, at a meeting in Atlanta, Ga., on October 23, 1909, of several alumni members, the above name was decided on, in view of the lack of information regarding the previous establishment of an alumni chapter, provided it met with the approval of those in authority.

Those present, either in person or by proxy, with the offices to which they were elected designated, are as follows:



R. B. Dunbar, Virginia Theta, President, 8 west Alabama street, Atlanta, Ga.

C. L. Turnipseed, Virginia Delta, First Vice-President, Union Springs, Ala.

J. L. Hardwick, Georgia Alpha, Second Vice-President, Box 900, Atlanta, Ga.

W. H. Bone, Georgia Alpha, Secretary, with Goin & Small, Macon, Ga.

T. W. Jones, Georgia Alpha, Treasurer, Drawer D, Atlanta, Ga.

J. M. Trapnell, Georgia Alpha, Historian, Newnan, Ga.

F. L. Ison, Georgia Alpha, Marshal, 231 north Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

G. A. Bennett, Georgia Alpha, 255 Ponce de Leon avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

W. G. Shingler, Georgia Alpha, Ashburn, Ga.

H. L. Miles, Georgia Alpha, 74 Walton street, Atlanta, Ga.

This was an enthusiastic meeting, and due credit should be given to Brother W. H. Bone, whose untiring efforts, both while an active member of Georgia Alpha and since leaving school, has done much for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in this Southland of ours. It was due almost exclusively to his and Brother Hardwick's efforts that this alumni chapter was organized, and it is to be hoped that the work of these two brothers, in a direction the need of which is keenly felt, will be appreciated and extended at an early date. The writer expresses the sentiment of those present when he says that there is no cause for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  which demands the immediate attention of all alumni brothers so much as the establishment of alumni chapters. They tend to maintain that interest in the fraternity that was aroused during one's active membership in college, which almost every diversion lends a helping hand to disintegrate when one casts his bark on the sea of life.

The good that alumni members can do for an active chapter by co-operation is unlimited. The only way this co-operation can be successfully carried on is by the establishment of alumni chapters at such places as would serve the best interests of the fraternity. In the near future this need will be realized and felt.

to such an extent as to demand immediate action, and it is hoped that at the next meeting of the Conclave the subject of alumni chapters will be taken up and discussed with the view of encouraging their organization.

It will be noticed that the majority of those whose names appear as members of this chapter were brothers at Georgia Alpha. This is not intended to mean that the membership is exclusive. All brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  who are not active members are eligible, and we hope to enroll all whose location would justify their becoming a member. We lack a means of locating our brothers, and would appreciate the co-operation of any one who would furnish us with the address of those who might be in this territory.

The older chapters may be surprised at this movement being started in a section of the country where  $\Sigma \Phi E$  was so recently established. We wish to say, though, that those down this way who have pledged themselves to work for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  are wide-awake and striving for anything that will tend for the betterment of their fraternity. It was April 1st, 1907, when Georgia Alpha was ushered on its career with six members, in a school whose enrollment was less than 500, and where nine other strong national fraternities were represented with active chapters, besides the locals. To-day its active membership numbers eighteen, and the spirit displayed by them is second to none.

It was more recently that Alabama Alpha was installed, and the writer regrets that he is not more familiar with its progress, but it is understood that the interest exemplified there is second to none.

The visit of any alumni member would be appreciated at our meeting, on the second Saturday night, in the Georgia Alpha chapter rooms, Atlanta.

With best wishes to all in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

GEORGIA ALPHA ALUMNI.

*J. M. Trapnell,*  
*Historian.*



## Editorials.

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Washington, D. C., March 28, 1910.

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We can see no reason at this time why there should be any absentees to the roll-call of the Grand Chapter on the above date.

Washington is the one city that should be the pride of all of our citizens, and we believe that it is the one place that all desire to visit. The capital of the greatest nation. The home of our most honored citizen. These two things are worth going a long way to see, but there also will be found representative people from all over the world; one will see his country's greatest buildings and monuments, the various departments that grind out the policies of our nation, and the very "heart" of the Government, pulsating with the dominant principles of our nation. So much for our loyalty and devotion to our Government; but all  $\Sigma \Phi E$ 's have other interests there, especially at that time. Our President will have a message, our Congress will have laws to enact, and our judiciary will have questions of import to decide. Our organization, like our great Government, is democratic, and it is your privilege, and should be your pleasure, each and every  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , to be in attendance on March 28th, to present your recommendations, lend your advice in the making of laws, and give your opinion in the passing of judgment on the many vital questions that will come up.

At this time you will be able to get well acquainted with

your Grand Officers and members of other chapters, learn their ideas, their ideals, and their ambitions. With this knowledge, much more and better work can be accomplished for the benefit of our brothers. And the cause of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  may then be advanced to its zenith.

Then, "On to Washington" for our seventh Conclave, and come determined to make it larger and better than any we have had.

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### Delegates to the Seventh Conclave.

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All chapters should have decided upon their delegate to the Conclave by this time. It is hoped that all delegates will be men that will be back in college next session. Many questions will come up during that period that can be best answered by one who attended the Conclave.

The opinion of the chapter should be thoroughly known by the delegate on all questions that are at all likely to come up, and the opinion can be learned only by thorough discussion of the subjects by the chapter. A thorough discussion of the subjects mentioned as "current problems" in the account of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, given in the "Contributions" in this number of *THE JOURNAL*, will cover most points that will come up, and a thorough understanding of these will enable an intelligent disposition of many others.

We particularly recommend that the chapters give questions 1, 3, 4, and 7 careful consideration.

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### The Serpent's Tooth.

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C. A. VER BECK.

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Space unlimited in *THE JOURNAL*, as well as in other Greek fraternity publications, has been devoted to the cause of raising more enthusiasm among the alumni. Editors and their assistants have in turn begged, coaxed, praised, berated, and sworn at the

"old grads." for their apparent lack of interest in the cause which at one time was so dear to them.

As far as we have been able to learn, there are generally two sides to every question, and for some time we have been trying to find the other side of this one. Our search has been ended in a rather sudden and effective manner.

The enlightenment came through a few letters from alumni of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to a national officer.

At one time the writers of the letters in question were prominent in fraternal circles, and much to the credit of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  can be traced to their efforts. Upon leaving their *alma mater* their interest in their chapters did not flag, and for some time they made efforts to continue to promote the chapter's interests.

The alumni in question are fairly launched in a busy world, and find no leisure time hanging heavily on their hands. However, they have taken the pains to cast about them for good prospects for their own as well as other chapters, and have written the present members several letters concerning the men in whom they were interested.

Here the serpent's tooth appears. In return for their generous action the chapters have responded by completely ignoring all their communications.

It may be surprising to some of the active members of the fraternity, but it is true, that there are really numbered among the alumni of this fraternity men who are making actual sacrifices of time, money, and opportunity to promote the cause of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Among those upon whom the demands of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  fall heaviest, and who receive the least reward, are members of the Grand Chapter. Not infrequently it is the case that communications from the officers receive tardy attention, at best, from some of the chapters.

Some of us have been taught that the code of a real gentleman is contained in the "Golden Rule." We believe it. And surely a gentleman would give a communication or request the prompt, courteous attention he himself would expect.

THE JOURNAL is loth to believe that any member of

Σ Φ Ε is not a gentleman. We must admit, however, that a few of them sometimes forget the finer points of etiquette, and it is with regret that we call their attention to these points.

If the active members of this fraternity seek the support of their alumni, as they have claimed to do, they must rally to the aid of the "old grads." The alumni, as well as the national officers, will help only those who help themselves. They cannot do otherwise.

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## The Other Fellow.

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C. A. VER BECK.

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An event which may be considered significant in the making of Greek history is found in the issue of the November *Caduceus* of K Σ. This publication is devoted to "The Other Fellow." It contains an interesting series on the departures from the trodden path being made by other fraternities. These are given with the admonition to members of K Σ that they profit thereby. One of the greatest signs of progress in this rugged but kindly old world is this recognition by man, individual or abstract, of the existence of "the other fellow," and of his views and his rights to hold those views. THE JOURNAL wishes to congratulate K Σ on its tribute to "the other fellow."

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ACCORDING to a recent dispatch from Athens, Ga., where is located the University of Georgia, John D. Rockefeller and a corps of his "hookworm" cohorts are badly needed in that classic city. Dr. J. C. Bloomfield, president of the city board of health, reports, after an examination of the "cracker" students, that at least thirty per cent. of them have "hookworm." In fact, so general has the disease become that to it is attributed the poor showing made by the foot-ball team. We sometimes wonder if "hookworm" is hereditary. We were born lazy.

THE average reader, as the term goes, should not forget that he has a "previous engagement" to meet the editors of THE JOURNAL, on Pennsylvania avenue, at 9 o'clock P. M. March 28th.

Many a member of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  thinks he has covered himself with glory if he manages to attend the Conclave himself. However, that view of the case has gone out of fashion. He must bring others with him, to be of real service.

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### Suggestions.

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C. A. VER BECK.

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As has been mentioned in the past and present issues of THE JOURNAL, and as will be found in a future number, the Sixth Conclave of the Grand Chapter will be held in Washington, D. C., March 28th.

This meeting will be the first under the biennial session plan. In many ways it will be unique—to tell the readers in what manner would be divulging the secrets of the Entertainment Committee of District of Columbia Alpha and of the Grand Officers. But the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  man who misses the Conclave will miss—but that's another story, as a man named Kipling once said.

It has been the aim of THE JOURNAL in the following pages to briefly present a symposium of legislation which will be presented for the consideration of the Grand Chapter. Owing to the short time allowed for replies to a circular letter, not all the chapters are represented. A number of those missing, however, have indicated that they have no suggestions to offer.

THE JOURNAL makes no comment, favorably or adversely, in this number, upon any of the suggestions offered. It does not feel justified in predicating the entire fraternity on matters which have not yet been decided. However, under signatures, THE JOURNAL will be pleased to publish comments or further suggestions in the next number.

In reply to a circular letter, the following recommendations have been made for action before the next Conclave:

## VIRGINIA ALPHA.

1. That in section 54 of the By-Laws the words "of the age of eighteen years and over" shall be struck out.

2. That there shall be added to the By-Laws, as section 54-b, the following clause: "The Charter Committee shall determine the age of eligibility to membership for all subordinate chapters now existing, and shall fix same for all new chapters which may be formed."

## COLORADO ALPHA.

1. That action looking to Western extension of the fraternity be taken.

2. That legislation be enacted providing uniformity of By-Laws of subordinate chapters, and recommending that they be submitted to the Grand Chapter for approval.

3. That a more nearly uniform pin be adopted. Would have plain raised pin given to each initiate, it being paid for from the initiation fee.

4. Favors smaller size for the fraternity certificate.

5. Calls attention to the regulation providing for annual visit of the Grand Chapter to each chapter.

6. Suggests new style for outside cover of THE JOURNAL.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

1. That before a new charter is granted, each active chapter shall have a vote as to whether the charter be granted, the result of this vote governing the Charter Committee in each case.

2. That a national  $\Sigma \Phi E$  song-book be compiled, and a prize offered for the best song submitted.

3. That the size of the official membership certificate be reduced to about 10x12 inches.

4. That an official fraternity whistle be adopted.



## VIRGINIA ZETA.

1. That the age limit in smaller colleges be lowered.
2. Advocates single grip.
3. Wants change in the hailing sign.
4. Suggests that all proposed changes to the secret work be addressed to the Grand Secretary, and sent by him to each chapter, not later than thirty days before the following Conclave.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

1. Would discuss advisability of forming a district in New England, composed of Vermont Alpha and New Hampshire Alpha.

## S. K. PHILLIPS, OF CHARTER COMMITTEE.

1. Suggests change in the ritual.

## W. L. PHILLIPS, GRAND SECRETARY.

1. Suggests that no charter be granted to any body of students unless that body shall have maintained an organization for at least six (college) months prior to the receipt of the application.

## F. S. ROBBINS, GRAND HISTORIAN.

1. Recommends an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary.

## C. A. VER BECK, GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT.

1. That wherever the term "Charter Committee" appears in the Constitution and By-Laws make it read "Executive Committee."

2. That new charters be granted only upon the approval of the Grand Chapter in Conclave assembled, or by a vote of each of the subordinate chapters, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, which shall investigate the merits of all applications.

3. That the fraternity go on record as favoring a more conservative policy.

4. That the status of alumni chapters be defined.

## FROM MEMBERS OF ALUMNI.

1. That membership in the fraternity be limited to members of the Caucasian race.
2. That the ritual be issued in cipher.
3. That the Grand Chapter issue a manual containing the rules and regulations of chapters, chapter houses, honors to superior officers, and distinguishing characteristics of the fraternity.



# The Greek Press.

S. K. PHILLIPS.

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Exchanges are requested to send one copy to each of the following:

S. K. Phillips, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Clyde A. Ver Beck, care *Montgomery Advertiser*, Montgomery, Ala.

William L. Phillips, P. O. Box 211, Washington, D. C.

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We acknowledge receipt of the following exchanges since our last issue:

$\Delta \Sigma \Delta$  *Desmos*, for August and November.

September—*Scroll*, of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; *Palm*, of  $A T \Omega$ ; *Garnet and White*, of  $A X P$ .

October—*Shield*, of  $\Theta \Delta X$ ; *Shield*, of  $\Phi K \Psi$ ; *Caduceus*, of  $K \Sigma$ ; *Beta Theta Pi*.

November—*Caduceus*, of  $K \Sigma$ ; *Kappa Alpha Theta*; *Frater*, of  $\Psi \Omega$ ; *Garnet and White*, of  $A X P$ ; *Beta Theta Pi*.

December— $\Phi K \Psi$  *Shield*.

The Sorority Hand-Book for 1909.

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THAT there is what may be termed a "social evolution" taking place in America to-day is evident to all thinking American citizens. The appearance of books by such men as Brown, Rauschenbusch, Peabody, Abbott, Strong, and others thoroughly conversant with modern economic problems; the teaching of Dr. Dawson's novel, "A Prophet of Babylon," which throbs in every line with modern life; and the existence of labor unions, anarchists, communism, and socialism, with their vigorous methods of propaganda, are all sufficient testimony to the existence of a new social spirit. Perhaps it has not yet "found itself," but its presence is felt, nevertheless.

*The Desmos*, of  $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ , for August, sounds the note from the fraternity world in an article by Edwin N. Kent, D. M. D., entitled "The Relation of the Fraternity to Social Evolution." We cannot but wish that the writer had gone more exhaustively into the subject.

The writer speaks of a fraternity which once "included among its members all the people of the earth. It existed," says he, "at Babel for a few years following the flood, and was formed of the immediate descendants of Ham, Shem, and Japheth, the sons of Noah." He then speaks of the scattering of the human race as a result of "the confusion of tongues"; of the "period of conflict," as he conceives it, which followed, and of the appearance with peace of the moral philosopher, and the consequent development of "the spirit of fraternity." He then illustrates the growth of this spirit in a very interesting manner, showing that, when properly conceived, fraternalism seeks for the "harmony, comfort, and happiness of men."

Would it not have been better to have gone back of the flood for the existence of fraternalism? Did not God teach the lesson of fraternalism to man when there were only two men interested—Cain and Abel? God showed when He uttered those words, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground," that "man is his brother's keeper." Here, then, we find the first sounding of the principles of fraternalism. The "brotherhood of man" exists because of the "fatherhood of God," and, because its principles have their springs in the bosom of a Father, who is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, they are abiding principles. When, therefore, after the "period of conflict" had ended, and the world began to practice fraternity spirit, it was not showing the product of an evolution in the mind of the moral philosopher, but it was getting back again to the God-given principles of ages before, which the sin and stubbornness of the human heart and will were loth to practice, and seem so averse to believing to-day. The fraternity is therefore truly allying itself in the noblest of all causes—the putting of man in his proper relation to his brother man—by standing for that great platform of a wise God, "the brotherhood of all, flowing from the fatherhood of One."

And Mr. Kent well says, "A man who has the opportunity to affiliate with such an organization, to work side by side with the highest type of men in our profession, in a cause which is

second to none in importance to the race, and who casts it aside, asking, 'What's the use?' is to be *condemned* for his selfishness or *pitied* for his blindness."

We rejoice that such is the stand of  $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ , and earnestly hope that the same may be said of every modern Greek-letter organization in America.

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THE  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  *Scroll* for September has published for its readers two toasts that were responded to by alumni at a banquet held in Indianapolis last spring. Such responses often furnish good reading, and, in this case, we think  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's editor made a happy selection. We clip the following from one of these toasts, entitled "Phi Deltism":

"How true it is that our thoughts make character. 'As a man thinketh, so is he.' As the plant springs from and could not be without the seed, so every act of man springs from the hidden seeds of thought, and could not appear without them. Act is the blossom of thought, and joy or suffering are its fruits. Thus does a man garner in the sweet and bitter fruitage of his own husbandry. Man is always made or unmade by himself; in the armory of thought he forges the weapons by which he destroys himself; he also fashions the tools with which he builds for himself joy and peace. Out of petty and ignoble thoughts one fashions a life after a hovel; out of noble and worthy thoughts one rears a character with the dimensions of a temple or cathedral."

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THE *Shield and Diamond* of  $\Pi \kappa \Lambda$ , for October, under the title "Scholarship and Fraternities," has a short but pointed statement of this question, that is certainly food for thought. From this article we throw out the following thoughts for discussion:

Shall the fraternity require a certain per cent. from Freshmen on their class work before they become eligible as fraternity men?

How would such a requirement affect the Freshman?

How would it affect the chapter?

Could it be said that placing such a standard is really a barrier to friendship?

If a man, under such a system, failed to "measure up," could his fraternity be blamed?

Have you been saying, "I don't know what to write about"? Just look over these questions again.

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It may be that all the *Desmos* of  $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$  says, in that incoherent line of talk, "A Voice From East Aurora," is true; but there are several ways of putting things. Just because it grates upon the body's nerves to treat a tooth is not sufficient basis for putting out information concerning teeth in language that grates upon almost every nerve that controls good taste in literary production. Elegance is a fundamental qualification of good rhetoric. Nor is elegance amiss in good wit—in fact, real wit bears upon it the unmistakable stamp of this prime literary quality. "The Chemistry of Girls" is sadly lacking as good wit; it tried to be funny and failed. We are sorry also to see the *Desmos* print an article like this, which has all through it insidious expressions that suggest the indelicate rather than that which is high-toned and worthy of the purity that gathers about true womanhood.

How unlike the tone of her August issue is this November issue of the *Desmos*!

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"DR. ABBOTT LAWRENCE LOWELL was inaugurated President of Harvard on October 7th. In outlining his policies, President Lowell declared himself in favor of men learning one thing well, and something of everything. He placed himself on the side of inter-collegiate sports as the only striking occasion for the display of college solidarity. He stated his belief in the segregation of the Freshmen, and of the drawing together of the ties among upper-class men. And, finally, he differed radically from some of the policies of his immediate predecessor."—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

WE agree with the following words from *Beta Theta Pi* for November :

“Δ K E is to be congratulated in having its flag unfurled at the North Pole. The North Pole has long been sought. Probably no explorer who aimed at the top of the world, before Peary, ever thought of carrying a fraternity flag with him, even if he had the right to do so, and it was a very pretty display of fraternity loyalty for Mr. Peary to couple his achievement with his fraternity's flag.”

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THE third edition of *The Sorority Hand-Book*, edited by Ida Shaw Martin, is now off the press, and contains much valuable information, in compact form and enjoyable style, regarding the great sorority system of America. We regret that lack of space prevents a review of this little book for our readers, but copies may be had from the Roxburgh Press, Roxburgh, Mass.



## Notes of the Greek World.

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Clippings from various Greek-letter publications net the following:

Recent growth among the fraternities has been as follows:

$\mathbf{B} \Theta \Pi$ —State University of Oregon.

$\Sigma \mathbf{X}$ —Case School of Applied Science, North Dakota University, and the University of Pittsburg.

$\Phi \Sigma \mathbf{K}$ —University of California.

$\mathbf{K} \Sigma$ —Washburn College, Kansas, and Washington State College.

$\Delta \mathbf{T} \Delta$ —University of Cincinnati and Wooster University.

$\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$ —University of Oklahoma.

$\Sigma \mathbf{N}$ —University of Nebraska and the Virginia Military Institute.

$\Theta \mathbf{X}$ —Iowa State College and Rensselaer Polytechnic.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —University of Idaho.

$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \Omega$ —Kentucky State University.

$\mathbf{A} \Sigma \Phi$ —Cornell University.

$\mathbf{Z} \Psi$ —University of Illinois.

$\Pi \mathbf{K} \mathbf{A}$ —University of Missouri.

The sororities have been extending their ranks as follows:

$\Delta \mathbf{I}$ —Missouri State University.

$\Delta \Delta \Delta$ —Stanford University.

$\mathbf{A} \Xi \Delta$ —Kentucky State University and California University.

$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{I}$ —Montana University.

$\mathbf{K} \mathbf{A} \Theta$ —Oklahoma University and Oregon State University.

$\Sigma \mathbf{T} \mathbf{A}$ —Drury College.

$\mathbf{A} \Sigma \mathbf{A}$ —Mt. Union College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

$\mathbf{A} \Delta \Phi$ —Lawrence University.

$\mathbf{K} \Delta$ —Northwestern University and Iowa State College.



Through anti-fraternity laws,  $\Pi K A$  has lost her chapters at Wofford and South Carolina Presbyterian College. They have also withdrawn from West Virginia University and Cumberland.

At last report the number of chapters in the men's general fraternities were as follows:  $K \Sigma$ , 77;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 73;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 72;  $\Sigma A E$ , 70;  $\Sigma N$ , 64;  $\Sigma X$ , 61;  $A T \Omega$ , 60;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 57;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 54;  $K A$  (So.), 47;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 44;  $\Delta K E$ , 42;  $\Delta Y$ , 38;  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , 27;  $\Pi K A$ , 28;  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , 26;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , 26;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 24;  $\Phi \Sigma K$ , 24;  $Z \Psi$ , 24;  $\Psi Y$ , 22;  $X \Phi$ , 19;  $X \Psi$ , 17;  $\Delta \Phi$ , 12;  $\Theta \Xi$ , 12;  $A X P$ , 11;  $\Delta \Psi$ , 8;  $\Sigma \Phi$ , 8;  $K A$  (No.) 7;  $A \Sigma \Phi$ , 7;  $\Delta \Sigma \Phi$ , 6;  $\Theta X$ , 6.



## On the Campus.

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THE University of Wisconsin base-ball team left for Japan October 13th, where they played nine games. Four games played with the Kelo University team resulted in three victories for Kelo, the first going eleven innings and the second nineteen innings, the longest game of base-ball ever played in Japan. Sugase pitched the entire nineteen innings for Kelo, and made one hit, one put-out, eight assists, two errors, struck out sixteen, and gave two bases on balls. Wisconsin won a game from a team made up of Americans living in Tokyo, and two of the three games with Waseda University. The other game was played with a Japanese team of Tokyo, and was won by Wisconsin. The trip was a financial success.

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MRS. ROBERT BACON, wife of the recently appointed United States Ambassador to France, has given to the Harvard crew a new English shell, repeating the gift which she made last year. Mrs. Bacon is the mother of Robert Bacon, captain of the 'Varsity crew in 1907, and of Eliot Bacon, '10, who is now rowing on the 'Varsity. The new shell which she has offered will be constructed on practically the same lines as the one which she gave last year. It will be made by George Sims & Sons, of Riverside, Putney, England, the firm which has supplied several shells for the crimson crews. It has already been ordered, and is expected in this country in time for the first out-door practice of the 'Varsity eight in the spring.

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THE New York *Tribune* has made a careful examination of all foot-ball accidents of the past season, and issues the following as a result:

Total deaths attributed to game.....	26
Not due to foot-ball.....	5
Result of injury in previous seasons.....	6
Due to injury in unorganized games.....	4
College players killed..	2
School players killed.....	9

A COMMITTEE of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, consisting of Professor Edward E. Nicholson, B @ II, Professor Russell Smith, Ψ Υ, and Professor W. W. Norton, Φ Κ Ψ, recently made a visit to Iowa State College, investigating the conditions of fraternities at the latter institution.

The rule requiring one year's work and a record of eighty-five per cent. qualifications, as at Iowa State College, was looked on with much favor.

While at Ames the visitors were guests at the Beta House.

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THE Eastern Inter-Collegiate Cricket Association, composed of Pennsylvania, Haverford, and Cornell, has laid plans for games to be played next spring. The Association was founded in 1881, with Cornell as one of the charter members. An effort is to be made to widen the scope of the league and get other colleges to join.

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ON account of the death of Archer Christian, of the Virginia team, in the game with Georgetown, on November 13th, Virginia abandoned foot-ball for the season and Georgetown has abolished it for all time. Soccer foot-ball has been taken up by Georgetown, and is meeting with much favor.

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IN the thirteen foot-ball games that Harvard and Yale have played since 1897, Yale has won eight and Harvard three, and there have been two 0 to 0 ties. In the thirteen games Yale has scored 111 points and Harvard 45. Not in any game in this series has the losing team scored a point.

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SINCE points, instead of touch-downs, goals from touch-downs, and goals from the field, have counted to designate scores of foot-ball games, the largest score in a game between two leading colleges has been that of Princeton 95 and the University of Pennsylvania 0, played in 1887.

THE returns for the new loan system instituted by the Yale Corporation for the college show that 30 per cent. of the students accepting money aid from the college have elected to do so in the form of loans instead of gifts, giving their notes of hand, to be paid after graduating.

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TWO Princeton students, Dixon and Belknap, walked from Princeton to Jersey City, a distance of fifty miles, in twelve hours and forty minutes. The walk was the result of a wager, the time limit being eighteen hours.

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DARTMOUTH has secured Tom Hodge, of Montreal, as coach for the hockey team. Hodge is now manager and coach of the All-Montreal team, and will take charge at Dartmouth immediately after the Christmas holidays.

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W. L. PARK, general superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad, says "one human being is killed every hour and one injured every ten minutes on American railroads." Foot-ball enthusiasts please take note.

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A FUND has been started at "Ga. Tech." to build a hospital for "Tech." students. Mrs. Joseph Brown Whitehead, of Atlanta, made the first donation, amounting to \$5,000. The structure is to cost \$25,000.

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COACH RICE, of Columbia's boat crews, objects to his men playing basket-ball, claiming that a hard season of that game takes the snap out of the men, and makes them unfit for rowing in the spring.

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TWO fires, within a few days of each other, at Georgetown University, recently destroyed about \$20,000 worth of property, including famous paintings, prints, and about 5,000 rare books.

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY will introduce wrestling classes as a

means of developing athletic candidates. All applicants for places on teams will be asked to take part.

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HOWARD BENNETT, of Beloit College, has discovered a "new energy," which comes from the air. The details of the discovery are not yet made public.

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ALBERT MUNN, the former Oakland (Cal.) High School and University of California all-round athlete, will join the San Francisco police force.

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EARLHAM COLLEGE basket-ball team, of Richmond, Ind., planned an 800-mile trip during the Christmas holidays.

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BAKER UNIVERSITY played foot-ball this season for the first time in sixteen years. Not one game was lost.

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YALE has decided not to build its foot-ball stadium until the future of foot-ball is decided.

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JAPAN University students have decided to organize an inter-collegiate base-ball league.

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THE University of Missouri students are giving jiu-jitsu wrestling a trial.

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SYRACUSE and Michigan have signed a three-year agreement for track meets.

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA has formed a boxing club.

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HARVARD and Cornell have formed aviation clubs.

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CORNELL will next year have a chair of æronautics.

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THE University of Missouri has a bowling league.

# Alumni Personals.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Gracey for a few days, while stopping in Philadelphia. He is preparing to take the Maryland State Board examinations.

Dr. Carl Weiland, Jr., '08, and Dr. Lenox Dick, '09, are frequent visitors at our new chapter house. Brother Dick is now a resident at St. Mary's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

W. H. Hinkle, '08, will be married December 31st to Miss Isabelle Laird Elliott, of Philadelphia. "Hink" paid us a pleasant visit November 19th.

Dr. Norman C. Baker, '08, has opened an office at No. 3 Hancock street, Boston, Mass.

James Lownes, M. D., and William Miller, M. D., called to renew acquaintance recently.

C. Preston Newby, of Virginia Delta, spent several days with us recently.

## ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Dr. J. C. Lalor, who is located at Sank City, Wisconsin, visited us on October 30th, while in Chicago on business. We understand that he left an order for a 1910 Buick runabout.

Dr. Silas Van Haggeman spent Sunday, December 5th, with the chapter. He is located at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Dr. W. B. Wakefield spent Sunday, November 28th, with us.

Dr. Ira Hoffman took Thanksgiving dinner with the boys.

Dr. John Knapp, '08, is practicing in Chicago.

Dr. E. L. Griffiths was married last October.

Dr. E. Eck was married last September.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

Robert Garrett is traveling for the Sun Company, of Philadelphia.

## VIRGINIA DELTA.

Basil Strode, Stanley Barber, and Bruce Barber are studying medicine at Richmond, Va.

J. G. Brown and V. L. Arnold are in the Law School at Richmond College.

J. H. Berwind is located at Philadelphia, Pa., in the real estate business.

J. Y. Mason is located at Richmond, Va., in the insurance business.

J. B. Kite is studying medicine at the University of Virginia.

G. L. H. Johnson is teaching at Portsmouth, Va.

## NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

Charles G. Armfield is assistant cashier in the First National Bank at Elkin, N. C.

John Shelburn, ex-'09, is employed by the Government at Greenville, N. C.

A. D. Dupree, '08, is in business at Greenville, N. C.

Joseph P. Lovell is a civil engineer at Seattle, Wash.

## OHIO ALPHA.

F. B. Atherton, '09, is located at No. 500 South avenue, Wilksburg, Pa., and is with the Westinghouse Electric Company, of Pittsburg.

Charles Grau is manager of the Duquesne Orchestra, and is at No. 609 Third street, Northside, Pittsburg.

R. H. Gramm, '07, and S. B. Dickinson, are both second lieutenants in the Philippine Constabulary.

F. N. Bryant is teaching botany in Pulliam High School, Washington.

Paul E. Carson, '09, Law, has opened an office at Johnstown, Pa.

E. L. Edwards is at his home in Medina, Ohio.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

G. B. McNair is in the Boston office of the Wagner Electric Manufacturing Company.

J. E. Poindexter is located at Jeffersonville, Ind., in the banking business.

W. G. Dair is instructor in the Manual Training School at Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. Voight, '08, is in the real estate business at Jeffersonville, Ind.

T. F. Strain, '08, is a civil engineer at Louisville, Ky.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

James A. Perry, '08, who is studying at the Boston Theological Seminary, has a charge at Revere, Mass.

Leo E. Fox, '07, is with the Department of Commerce and Labor, Immigration Bureau, New York City.

Russell D. Trebilcox, '07, is head of the English Department of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa.

Roy E. Wilson, '07, is principal of the High School at Marcellus, N. Y.

Walter White, '07, is principal of the High School at Bay Shore, L. I.

Ralph M. Pierce has a charge at Brantford, Ontario.

Loren W. Chester, '07, is at Harvard.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

On November 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, Washington, D. C., Bro. Harry Wilson Houghton, B. S. 1906, M. S. 1907, Ph. D. 1909, was married to Jean Wallace Johnson. District of Columbia Alpha, of which Brother Houghton was one of the organizers, and an enthusiastic and active member during his long career in the George Washington University, attended the



wedding in a body, and, after the ceremony, complimented Brother and Mrs. Houghton at the reception at the bride's home. Last, but not least, the chapter, together with many other friends of the young couple, gave them a "glorious" send-off. Brother and Mrs. Houghton received their friends, after an extensive honeymoon trip, on the evenings of December 2d and 9th, at their home, No. 1804 Belmont Road, Washington, D. C.

The following brothers have been reported from Oklahoma:

- E. Leroy Bell, Delaware Alpha, Sapulpa.
- F. O. Williamson, West Virginia Alpha, Sapulpa.
- Dr. E. T. Hurlburt, Illinois Alpha, Chandler.
- S. B. Mitchell, Ohio Alpha, Enid.
- A. R. Ross, West Virginia Beta, Hugo.
- J. W. Baxter, Arkansas Alpha, Poteau.
- S. E. Welch, Arkansas Alpha, Norman.
- H. M. Nicholson, Arkansas Alpha, Norman.
- Dr. John B. Turner, Illinois Alpha, Oklahoma City.





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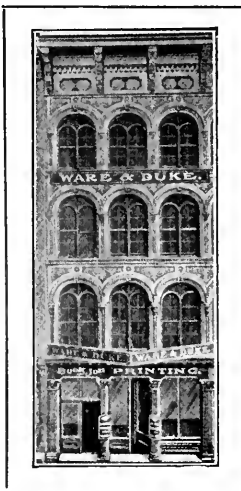
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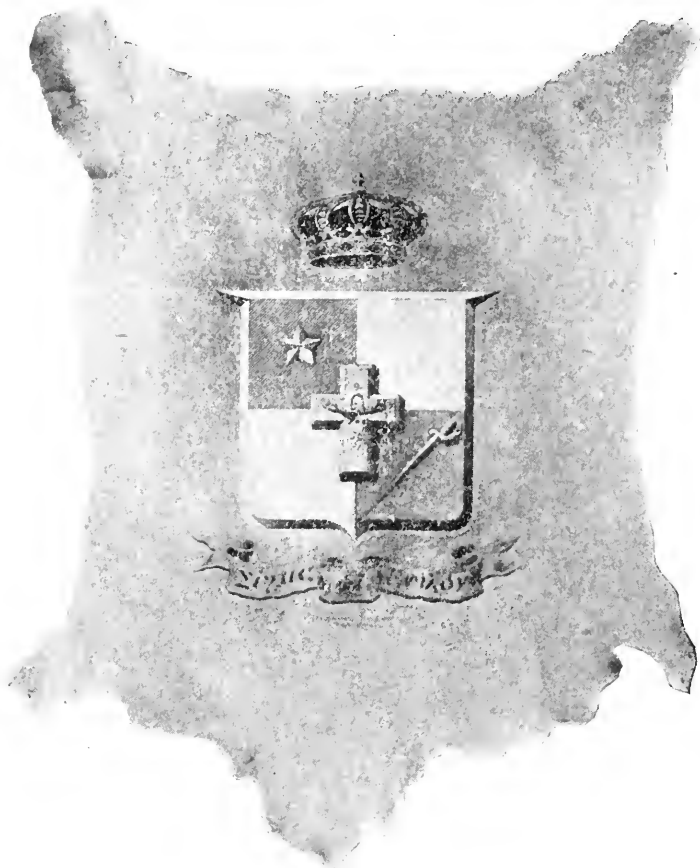
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